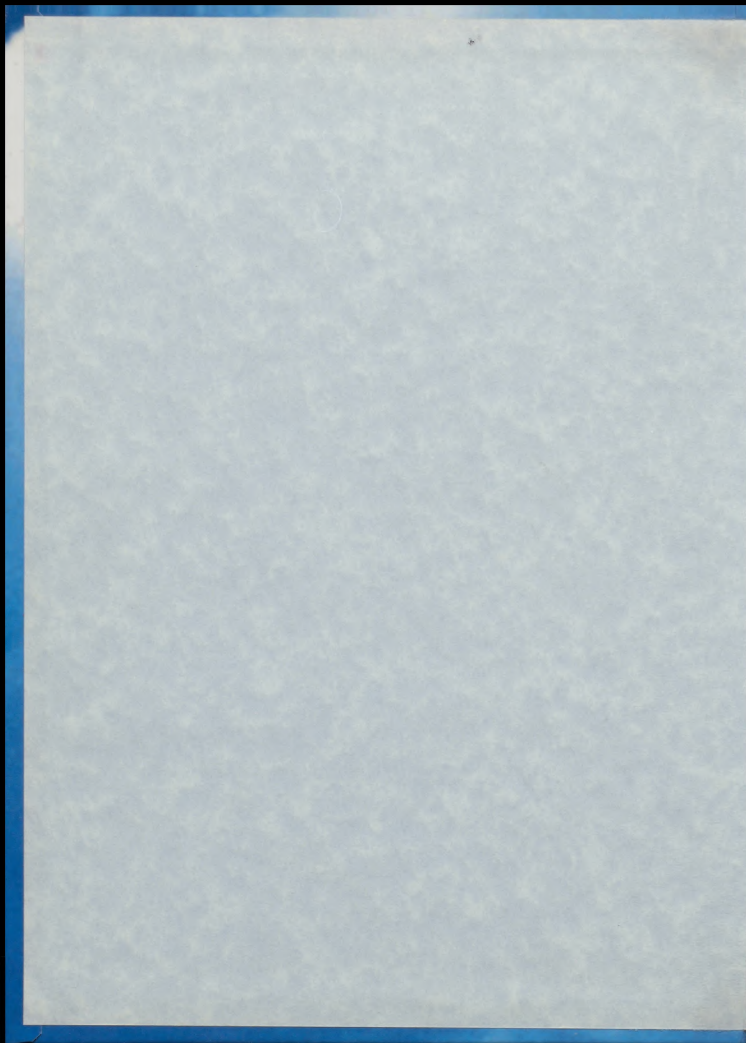


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Today's Dreams

TOMORROW'S REALITY



the 1990s, the number of people with a mental health problem has increased by 50% (Mental Health Foundation 2000). The prevalence of mental health problems has increased in the general population, and the incidence of mental health problems has increased in the prison population.

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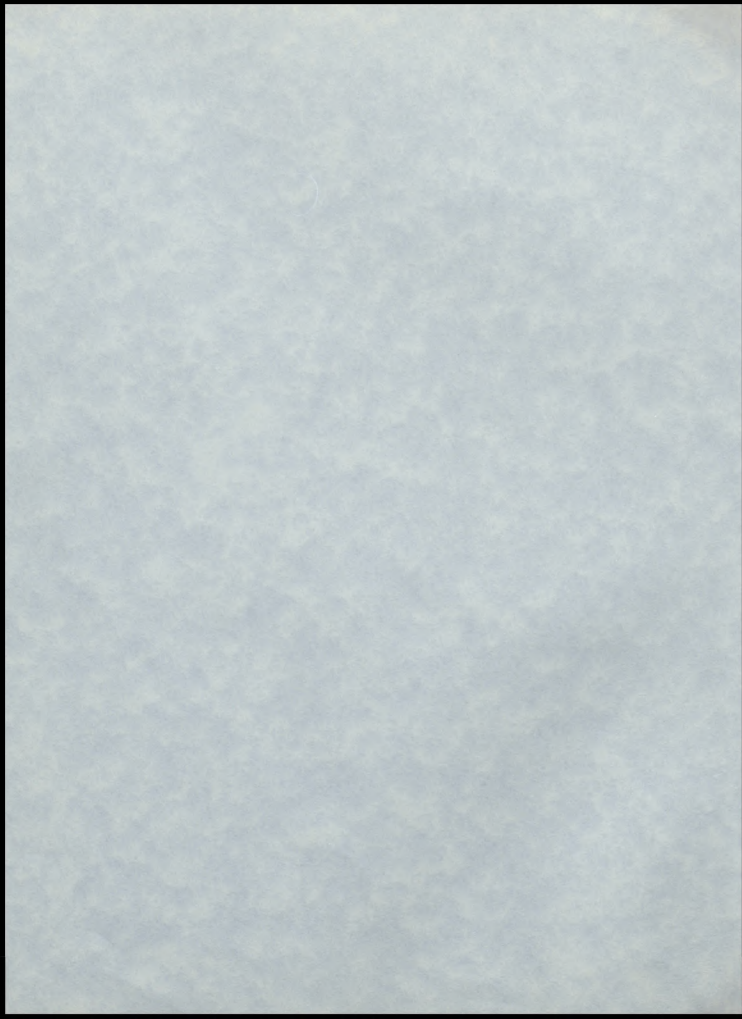
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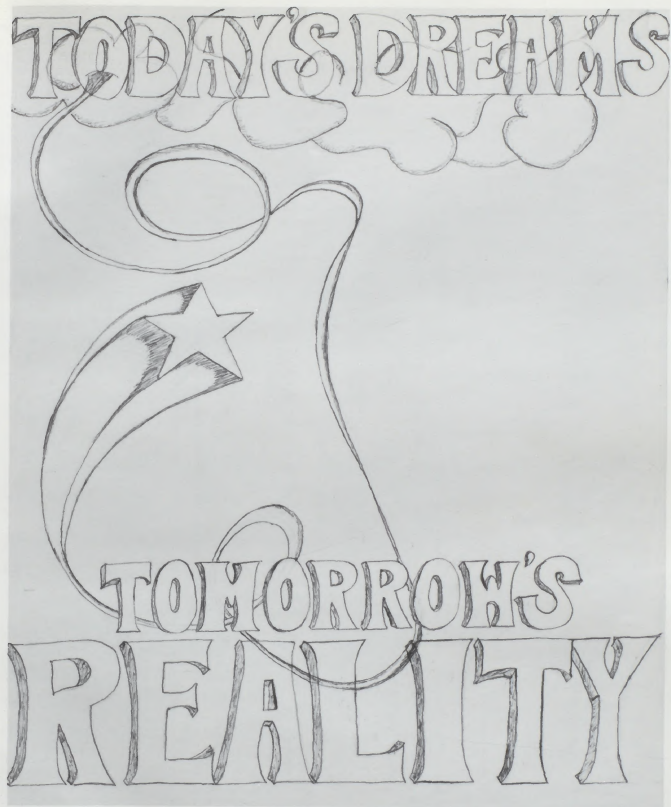
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Dreaming Along? Wake Up to Reality

Where would our country be if some of our best dreamers never worked to make their visions reality? Perhaps we'd still read by candlelight. Maybe we'd still have "white's only" lunch counters or all male voters. Discoveries and social change do not come easy.

Life has obstacles, some which we create ourselves, some which are beyond our control. As students overcome difficulties they grow, hopefully to become stronger and wiser. We have touched upon several of these issues in our exploration of teenage obstacles.

School projects, tests, and speeches are an expected part of school. It is up to each individual to do his best. Some of us daydream

throughout the grading periods and at the last minute realize we're behind. We only put forth effort when we realize that we might fail the semester. Laziness is a barrier that is totally avoidable and within our control.

Though we know that abstinence and reliably using birth control prevent pregnancy and disease, many teens don't take control of their own sexual health. Though guys have a lot to do with this duty, girls bear the responsibilities when it comes to pregnancy, an usually avoidable obstacle.

Roadblocks in the way of success are sometimes out of our control. Many HHS students deal with gangs and drugs, even if they

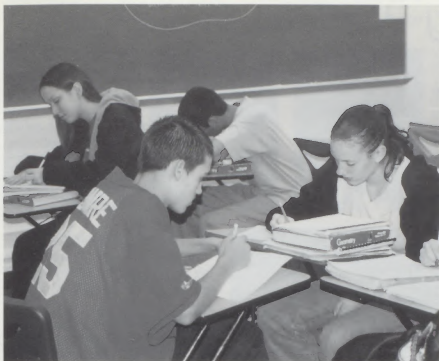
themselves are not part of these activities. Personal problems, including those connected with health and family, are also often out of our hands.

The yearbook staff had its own set of goals. We dreamt of color pages in our book, but our dream faded as time passed. We needed student support to afford the color. Instead we focused on our goal to provide good content, interesting pictures, and varied design.

Everyone's dreams are different, but they can lead to success...or disappointment if we are unable or unwilling to make them reality. Which of us will go through life just dreaming along... or will you wake up to and deal with reality?



Top: Some students see school as an obstacle to their fun and freedom; for others it is a safe haven. Many of our Hammond High students end a day of school to enter many obstacles outside of school doors. Hopefully students are not going through their problems on their own. Many adults in our building are available to lend support to troubled students.



Left: Cheating or helping? Many say Mr. Maka's class is hard and that he's a tough teacher; this may be a reason why sophomores Maggie Reichersamer, Jessica Zartuche, and Andrew Heuss work together to understand geometry better and make the grade. Others, such as sophomores Trista Clark and Heather DeGroot work alone as they understand what they're doing. We have to take geometry class and three other qualifying math classes to fulfill Care 40 requirements.

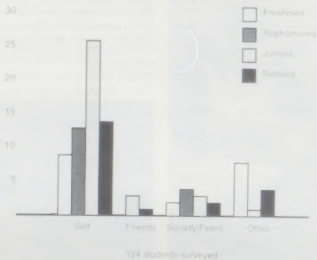


Above: What is this? A student getting fired up in Mr. Green's third hour class? Whether Mr. Green talks about "your mama" or world history, he always makes us share our opinions. A perfect example is junior Joshua Lopez who enjoys speaking his mind at any given time in history class. David Rodriguez, junior, tries to listen to the importance of history and maybe learn what is happening around us.

Bottom Left: Whether it's German, Spanish, or French, foreign language makes our brains start working in a different language. Most people don't realize this, but learning a foreign language can improve our English skills. In this picture we see several Wildcat students in German class with Mrs. Kostopolous. Juniors James Hoffman and Shakela Smith work hard on their skills to make coming through that door speaking perfect German a reality. We hope that Asiah Miles, Sarah Michna, Mike Garil, and Adriana Olvera, who are having a good time, are conversing in German.

Dreamy Wildcat Styles

For Whom Do You Dress?



Dreamy Fashions

Fashion is a current style or mode of dress, speech, or conduct, according to Webster's Dictionary. As this year goes on, we start to see many new and different fads of stylish clothing. We see new items in ads or in stores, and we go for it. We want that item in our wardrobes. How far will some Cats go for that fashionable item? Are we willing to pay a lot for it? For some of us, the cost is the least important factor — we like it, we buy it. For many of us, money influences our fashion decisions. Without the cash we're stuck and unable to buy what we want or what is in style.

This year the most popular outfits we started to see were the animal print outfits. Other fashionable fads we see on teenagers more and more are the following: piercings, tatoos, and new-millennium hair styles.

Wildcats show they are the year 2000 fashion queens and kings.

Bad Hair Day?

Bad hair day? Never! New hair color and styles are being introduced this year. Many Wildcats are sporting vibrant hair, both guys and girls. They're dying their hair in wild colors, such as blue, green, and pink. One day they've got natural hair color, and the next it's shocking pink, like sophomore Jamie Gage or junior Justin Clark, who has blue haircolor. Both of them like their new look.

Another style Wildcats are choosing is braids. These braids, worn by many students, vary in size and in thickness as well as bead size and color. They're often wound into different patterns on the head, or are braided partway with the rest flowing free.

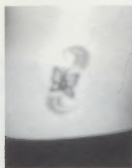


Junior Justin Clark has quickly gained a reputation at H.H. as a guy with many "faces." It seems as though he has a new hair color every week. Will he ever run out of dye? Sophomore Jamie Gage is another example of hair color mania. It's one of the latest fads to hit Hammand High, but not the only one. Braids have been very popular this year, as we see junior Shakela Smith wearing them.



Senior Jenny Cline, bottom-left, displays her small, but beautiful and colorful butterfly. Junior Ashley Kulcher, shows yet another fad here in H.H.S. If she keeps it up, though, she may run out of things to pierce.

Senior Jessica Olmos, bottom-right, happily poses for a candid introducing her black and white angel tattoo.



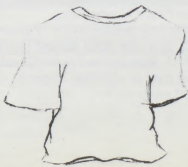
One fad that has been at H.H.S. for a while has been the animal print items. Jessica Lopez, senior, in this candid poses in her snake print pant on animal print day. She combined her fashionable pants with same wild matching nails.



One of the many wild accessories that came out were the animal print purses. In this picture we can view senior Jennifer Cline's animal print purse, which is "snake skin."

Wild Clothing

Since cavemen slew the mammoth for his fur, people have been wearing animal print. Now many teenage girls are wearing animal print outfits again. These outfits are getting popular, but there are also the animal print purses and boots as well as other accessories. They come in a variety of prints, from leopard to zebra. We can have our favorite wild animals real close to us now.



Tattoo Fantasy

Ever thought of getting a tattoo, have one already, or even a body piercing? The popularity of tattoos prove that many Wildcats have considered this fashion trend. Most everyone has thought about getting a tattoo at some point in life, but people don't always follow through because we don't have the appropriate age, money, or even because we might regret it several years later.

Body piercings can also be fun. Where we can see — some piercings are in more private places — the main piercings students get is on their faces, such as on the brows, nose, tongue, and lips. Once only girls got their ears pierced, now even boys are getting multiple piercings. People get tattoos and piercings when they're ready for the look. It is not a look for everyone.

If we're talking about fashion we cannot leave juniors Jackie Covarrubias and Asiah Miles out. In this picture Jackie, left, poses in her "leopard" pants and Asiah, right, poses in her "snake" outfit.



Hammond High Music



FLIGHT 77
GREAT LAKES PUNKS
www.flight77.com



Flight 77 has landed at Hammond High. Of the three members, two are from Hammond High, Ethan Grove on guitar and Justin Clark on bass guitar, while Erick Sherman is on drums. The band started as a very loosely organized group of friends who never really practiced when they got together. The band then consisted of Justin Clark, Erick Sherman, Ryan Trojanski, Kevin Foster, and Ethan Grove and was called JERK, an acronym for their names. For a while the band went through a series of changes, including different members all together. Eventually, JERK started to work on easier songs, starting with "Tomorrow's Another Day" by MxPx. This started a new sound for JERK, a punkier sound. As it turned out, Kevin hated the new style, and he soon parted ways with JERK. The three remaining band members, Justin, Ethan, and Erick, started to focus on improving their sound. Weeks after Kevin's leave, the band decided to change their name. A web poll was used to choose a name, and Flight 77 was born.

Soon Flight 77 began to play a genre of punk called "emo", or emotional. Next the band started doing both covers and original songs, which then led to Flight 77 selling its first CD, DEMO. If everything goes as planned, Flight 77 will soon have a full length CD with 12 songs on it.

As the name implies, Flight 77 is really starting to take off. They've played at several places including The Lazer Zone, The Coffee Lounge, and the Munster auditorium for Battle of the Bands, where they won second place. Their most popular songs are "Will I Die Alone," "Floorpunch," and "Ren and Stimpy."

What will Flight 77 be doing in the future? The band has several shows lined up at places like Sputnik's Coffee Bar and Muse Cafe. All three band members plan to go to Ball State University play there. Then who knows? The sky's the limit for Flight 77.

As Diverse as the Students

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Throughout time, music and dancing have been a way for people to get together and just let loose, and it happens just about everywhere. People enjoy hanging out at clubs, quinceñeras, and parties. In our area, people do different types of dances such as footwork, juking, banda, cumbia, merengue, norteñas, and stepping. The homecoming dance was no exception.

Hammond High students listen to a wide variety of music, ranging from rap to rock, boy bands to R and B. Although everyone prefers his own type of music, as a whole, Hammond High is a school that can listen to most anything. In only a few years we have seen the coming of new music, such as Rap stars like Project Pat and Missy Elliot and R and B sensations Aaliyah and Christina Aguilera. The sudden explosion of Latin music from singers like Ricky Martin and Jennifer Lopez was not surprising, given the growth and popularity of Latin culture in the U.S.



Even while at the library, Omar Martin can't get away from his music. "My music goes everywhere with me; I never leave home without it," says Omar. No matter where you look, music is everywhere. Even when walking down the street, one can hear different types of music coming from all sorts of vehicles.

During Homecoming Week, Students



Jump! Jump! "I'll meet you at the finish line," says Ryan Gawron.



Spirited juniors show off their hall.

A. Key and A. Lewis struggle to win first place.

Let's egg Omar Martin as he takes it slow.

Groovy job Seniors!



H. Gil doesn't mind getting a little dirty.



N. Quiles gets smashed into a pile of whipped cream after facing defeat.



Dream in Purple and White



Who puts the purple and white in H.H.S? SENIORS!



The BIG seniors feel "Big Pimpin'" during the H.H.S. Parade.



Mr. and Mrs. Urick take some quiet time out from the toilgate.



Toilgate workers prepare for a crowd.



Ceno Nasiloski flouts his Junior spirit.



Yes, that's really Tommy Davis.



How can you be sod in the SADD mobile?

Coach O'Donnell calls the Cats in for a quick huddle to discuss the winning plan.

"The whole crowd supported the team by doing the wave," Sophomore Valine Vulkich remembers.



"This year's team was a really good team, and I enjoyed watching them. I thought that they had tried real hard. I was really proud of my seniors, but the team as a whole did a great job," said Senior Zereida Lee. "This years Homecoming Game was a complete success, and it's something I'll remember forever." Most fans agree this year's team was wonderful and is something that the whole school can be proud of.



Number 5, Mike Coles, takes a chance to sneak past the opposition and score.



Center Mr. White demonstrates that winning Wildcat smile.



Senior Josh Smiley lends a few words of encouragement to his fellow football players.

Dream Team



All the Wildcat fans held their breath as Andread got nearer and nearer to a touchdown. The Cats tried their best to hold the 59ers back. The crowd hoped for the best as they were on their tip toes. The crowd waited to the end in anticipation hoping for a win. The clock ticking! The coaches calling out different plays. The Wildcats on

the side lines running up and down the field chanting encouraging things to their teammates. The ball is hiked, the 59ers are ready for a touchdown. Fortunately the Wildcats are ready for the 59ers play, and they stop the 59ers dead in their tracks. The Wildcats won the Homecoming Game and celebrated a job well done.

Left: Romell Watson and Cats rush to crush their opponents.

Bottom: Everyone celebrates after the Cats beat the 59ers in an amazing game.



Royal Dreams



And the winners are...Erika Williams, Keindre Tucker, Melissa Pazdur, and Shacie Stringer. They smile proudly with their escorts Erika's guest, Marques Burnett, Scott Cuipak, and Anthryss Stanley. Root Studios



The top picture shows all the excited Homecoming Court candidates. Back row: J. Winfrey, R. Espinosa, E. O'Rourke, M. Burnett, E. Rivera, M. Linstadter, J. Kelley, S. Cuipak, B. White, M. Quiroga, D. Williams. Middle row: S. Hort, L. Mirelez, K. Velez, K. Tucker, E. Rivera, A. Brzezinsky, K. Alexander, M. Pazdur, L. Gil, C. Bradford, E. Cuodillo, D. Wooford, B. Colmon. Front row: Mr. Cronch, D. Cronch, R. Woods, D. Woods, L. Williams, E. Williams, A. Stonley, S. Stringer, S. Ostopchak, S. McClelland, J. Johnson. Root Photo



Dreaming to Be Queen...

Upper left: Waiting is the hardest thing, but Brandon White und Candace Bradford patiently await the announcement of the winners. Upper right: Waving to friends is the best way to keep from being nervous, proves Katrina Alexander. Jason Kelley keeps calm as this year's homecoming court winners are announced. Lower left: Erin Caudilla proves how gracious a candidate can be despite a loss. Still with a smile, she poses for a friend's picture with escort Mike Quiroga.



...Dream Realized

The crowning of the queen is an exciting part of the night. Above, former queen, Elizabeth Novola happily crowns the emotional Keindre Tucker as the new 2000 Homecoming Queen. We all know how wonderful it feels to win, but winning isn't everything. "...life goes on," says Shakeila Hart. Even though Shakeila was disappointed by her loss, she still is proud of the hard work involved. She and all the other girls' involvement in activities was a requirement to be in the court. Shakeila said, "If our eight tasks weren't done, we didn't run." She emphasizes that we are all "the best" in our own ways, whether we win or lose.

Dancing as in a Dream



Nicole Quiles waits for Dontrese Richards to "okay" her ticket into the Homecoming dance.



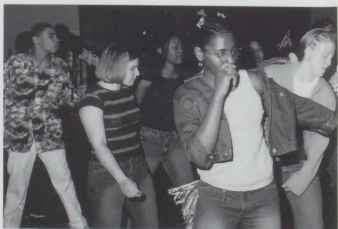
Bianka Williams, LaShea Woods and Maisha Raines show that they can get down on and off of the field.



Freshmen Takeia Green, Brittany Short, and Bernique Salako slide to the right as they do the "Casper Slide."

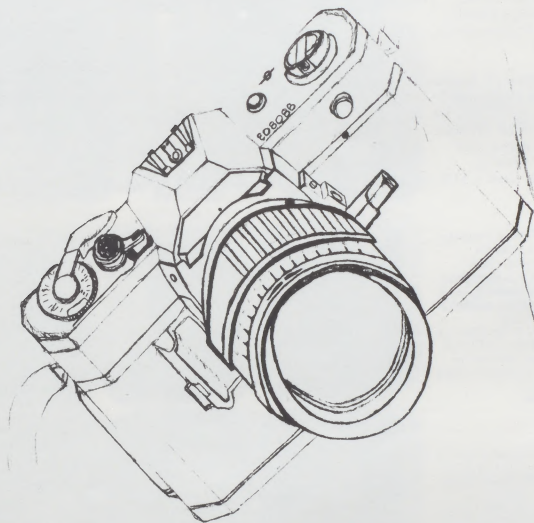


The crowd puts their right hands up as they follow the "Ghetto Slide."



Look how Thomas Whitelow, Jamie Happer, Anternette Wells, Khyla Reed, and Dana King, show that they are feeling the music

People



*It's in the Stars, Wildcats:
We Are the Future*

In Ourselves, Our Future Lies

Valedictorian- Lerin Macklin:

Foreign Language Club 1,2; Black History Program 2,3; Principal Advisory Committee 3,4; Bank Calumet President's Leadership Council 3,4; Debate 4; Hammond City Mock Trail 4



Salutatorian- Marques C. Burnett:

Tennis 1-4; Debate 1-4; Foreign Language Club 1,3; VALUES 1-4; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1-4; Mock Trail Team 1-4; Robotics 2,3,4; Principal Student Advisory Committee 3,4; Key Club 3; NHS 3,4

Adams Jr., Ronald Foreign Language Club 1,2,3; Track 2,3; Drama 4

Alexander, Katrina: Volleyball 1; Basketball 1,2; Track 1,2; Principal Student Advisory Committee 1; Homecoming Committee 1-4; Band 1; Student Government 2,3,4; Homecoming Court 2,4; Key Club 3,4; Foreign Language Club 2; SADD 3,4; Drama Club 3,4; Vice President 3,4; Prom Committee 3; Yearbook 3; Black History 3; Bible Club 4

Alexander, Lesley M.



Alvarez, Cristina: Soccer 2; Choir 2; Hispanic Heritage Program 3

Arquette, Joseph D.: Baseball 1-4
Balderas, Fernando Soccer 1,2,3; Football 1-4; Track 2; Baseball 4



Banks, Dustin

Biro, Keith Wrestling 1
Bohse, Melissa A.





Boufis, Stephanie Art Club 4
Bridgeman, Raymond: Football 1
Brooks, Jullius J. Football 1,3,4;
 Basketball 1,2; Track 2,4



Brown, Ashley: Choir 1,3
Brown, Natasha
Brezezinski, Amy M.: Mat Maid 4;
 Softball 4



Burks, James: Peer Mediator 1-4
Bushell, Yannick
Cameron, Christopher: Drama 1; Choir
 2



Ciupak, John R. Debate 1; Hammond
 City Mock Trial 1-4; Robotics 2;
 Newspaper 2; Cross Country 3,4; Track
 2,3; Art Club 3
Clark, Bridget J. Band 4
Cline, Jennifer M.: Foreign Language
 Club 2; Yearbook 4



Coles Jr., Michael: Baseball 1-4;
 Basketball 1-4; Football 1-4
Compion, Jonathon
Conley, Jocelyn

Cross, Melanie: Drama 2; Class Officer
3; Academic Team 4
DeMarco, Michael: Drama 2; Art Club
3,4; Robotics
Djurdjevic, Tom D.: Art Club 1,3,4;
Dramaclub 4



Dobbins, Aaron D.: Tennis 1-4;
Basketball 2,3,4; Baseball 1-4
Dorsey, Brandon
Dye, Elizabeth L.



Espinosa, Robert: Art Club 1-4; Foreign
Language Club 3,4; Spellbowl 4; Student
Government 4
Espinoza, Vanesa: Choir 1,2
Flemming, Karole L.



Follrad, Michael R.: Football 1;
Swimming 1
Gause, Anthony
Gilbert, Amy M.



Gogins, Valyncia L.: Debate 1-4; Class
Officer 1,2,4; Softball 2,3,4; Math Team
1-4; Prom Committee 2,3; NHS 3,4;
Drama 3,4; Academic Team 4;
Volleyball 4
Green, Everette
Harper, Amber N.: Pom Cats 1,2; Band
1-4





Harper, Tamika: Softball 4
 Hart, Shakeila S.
 Harvey, Kristal: Foreign Language Club
 1,2,3; Softball 4; Mat Maid 4



Henderson, Terria L.: Volleyball 1,2
 Hernandez, Jamie Foreign Language
 Club 2,3; Softball 4
 Hernandez, Jessica



Hunter, Brian A.
 Jenkins, Krystal: Volleyball 1-4;
 Basketball 1-4; Foreign Language Club
 2,3
 Johnson, Dante



Kelley, Jason F.: Debate 1-4; SADD 2;
 Homecoming Participant 2,3,4; Black
 History Program 3; Tennis 3,4; Foreign
 Language Club 3,4
 Killins, Taleka
 Lanham, Crystal: Cheerleader 1,4



Laskarin, Lindsey
 Lee, Zereida A.: Key Club 3
 Linstaedter, Mark

Choose Your Fate

Ismael Avila, Daisy Penate, A. Reese, Jessica Lopez, Crystal Henry, Rabin Reyes, Lerin Macklin, Latisha Lave, Amy Veenstra, Katie Sanchez, Joe Arquette, and other seniors, were all smiles at the Basketball Homecoming Pep Rally, yet there was a hint of sadness because the end of the year was fast approaching.



Lopez, Jessica

Lopez, Joshua: Football 3,4; Track 3,4; Hispanic Heritage Program 4
Love, Latisha: Class Officer 1,2; SADD 1,2; Debate 1,2,3; Peer Mediator 1-4; Homecoming Planning Committee 1-4; Softball 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Prom Planning Committee 3; Basketball 3; Foreign Language Club 3,4; Key Club 3; Principal Student Advisory Committee 3,4; Student Government 3;



Lucero III, David

Madden, Carolyn K. Student Government 3; Prom Committee 3; Foreign Language Club 3; Drama Club 4
Mirelez, Linda



Moore, Ashley C.

Nelson, Malinda
Olmos, Jessica J.: Foreign Language Club 2; Yearbook 3,4



Olvera, Adriana
Otero, William B.
Patee, Richard



Make It Happen



Ashley Brown and Jocelyn Conley, along with fellow seniors, boogie at the Football Homecoming Pep Rally.



Patterson, Teresa Softball 2,3,4; Art Club 3,4; Peer Tutor 4
Penate, Daisy: Volleyball 1,3; Swimming 3
Peppers, Brittney



Portney, Jordan: Volleyball 4
Pryor, Taja
Ramirez, Gonzalo: Football 3; Baseball 4



Rehtorik, Elizabeth M.
Richardson, Erica
Rivera, Elizabeth M.: Volleyball 1-4; Key Club 1,2,3; Track 1,2; Basketball 1; Homecoming Court; Softball 4



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These seniors show their pride and creativity when they decorate their car for the Homecoming Parade.

Rodriguez, Erika

Rutherford, Tyrone: Football 1,2

Sanchez, Kathryn: Foreign Language
Club 1-4; Homecoming Committee 1,2,3;
Cheerleader 1; Student Government 2;
NHS 3,4; Prom Committee 3



Santos, Josuaha

Schmidt, Michael: Foreign Language
Club 1-4; Baseball 1; Golf 3,4

Scott, Deidra D.



Scott, Mikeia

Scott, Sara

Scott, Tanisha



Shumate, Julie

Sida, Velinda

Simpson, Jamall: Football 1-4;
Basketball 1-4



Slavo, Steven

Smiley, Joshua

Smith, Erica D.





Spector, Elizabeth S.:
Stickland, Janiece A.
Taylor, Lauren M.



Tomlinson, Kristal
Tucker, Keindra
VanBuskirk, Derek: Soccer 3



Veenstra, Amy: Student Government
1,2,3; Newspaper 2; Prom Committee 3;
Bible Club 4
Vela, Rachel: Drama 1,2; Swimming
3,4,5; Class Officer 3,4; Prom Committee
3
Velez, Karen D.: Cheerleader 1,2,3



Washington, Terrance
White, Charlotte M.: Newspaper 1
Williams, Damien A.: Football 1-4;
Basketball 1-4; Track 3



Winters, Jimi: Golf 1-4; Math Team 1-4;
Foreign Language Club 1,2,3; Debate
Team 1; Band 1; Football 1; Yearbook 3
Zolinger, Nicole D.



Apparently Anthony Benbaw discovers a few stray hairs in chemistry class. "Got Milk?" Tammy Davis sure does as she finishes her lunch.

Aguilar Jr., Raman C.
Allen, Jim C.
Alvorodo, Eriko M.
Andersen, Kevin
Autry, Joel Allen
Boker, Dona W.



Bennett, Poris N.
Bishop, Kristi
Bradford, Condate
Broaden, Janetta N.
Cabrera, Silvia
Cannady III, Taylor



Cantlan, Doniel K.
Ceja, Lupe
Clupok, Scatt A.
Clork, Justin
Coleman, Brook
Collari, Cynthia M.



Compian, Jonothan
Cavarrubias, Jocqueline
Cross, Katie C.
Dovis, Tammy T.
De La Rosa, Diana M.
DeMarca, Solly



Daty, Letysha
Eoves, Matthew J.
Enriquez, Juon
Farris Jr., Erskine C.
Figuerro, Joann
Foster, Kevin R.



Gayden, Aisha R.
Gil, Lilyano
Gill, Priscillo
Gist, Claudio M.
Garil, Michael J.
Grondberry, Monique





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Mighty, Mighty Juniors!

Grimmer, James L.
Grove, Ethan A.
Guillen, Evonne S.
Hanas, Eugene M.
Henderson, Eric
Hetzel, Paul

Hoffman, James E.
Hopper, Jamie
Jackson, Vincent
Jefferson, Armeica
Jones, Xavier C.
Kuhn, Joshua S.

Kulcher, Ashley M.
King, Kevin L.
King, Dana N.
King, Jennifer D.
Lares, Diana
Lewis, Jenna M.

Lewis, Michael
Lewis, Nickolas
Lizama, Enrique
Lucera, Lina M.
Martin, Omar
Martin, Roy

Mata, Maricella R.
McClelland, Amanda J.
McGee, Daniel J.
Michna, Sarah E.
Miles, Asiah R.
Moreno, Stephanie



Left to right: Juniors Chaka Barnes, Darrian Rushing, Danielle Williams, Kandis Murphy, Jennifer King, Jacqueline Peavy, Claudia Gist, Amanda Smith, Keondra Moses, and Calvin Williams pose during a break in the football pep rally.

Ethan Grove watches the football team perform as Sarah Michna and Jacqueline Covarrubias wait for the perfect moment to catch on film. So much pep rally excitement is going on that junior classmates Esteban Gomez, Hector Rodriguez, and Jose Robles don't know which way to look. Ramsey Robinson is caught off guard as he leaves the "Soul Train" line.

Moses, Keondra S.
Murphy, Kandis N.
Nasiloski, Ceno
Noyola, Gabriel
Ontiveros, Maria
Papiez, Andrew R.



Pazdur, Melissa M.
Peavy, Jacqueline M.
Quiles, Nicole C.
Quiroga, Michael
Raines, Maisha
Raschke, Rebecca



Reed, Khyla
Reyes, Daniel E.
Robinson, Anthony H.
Robinson, Ramsey L.
Robles, Blas
Rodriguez, David



Rodriguez, Mariela
Roman, Christina
Rosario, Ricardo
Sandifer, Delilah
Santos, Lisa M.
Schelfo, Adam M.



Seals, Brandon L.
Shepard, Danielle R.
Simmons, Joseph E.
Smith, Darvell
Smith, Michael T.
Smith, Nicholas



Smith, Shakela P.
Sosa, Vanny
Sparavalo, Milos M.
Stokes, Aaron P.
Taylor, Pierre
Tessmann, Amy





Left to right: Chaundra Thompson and Romell Watson take time out to capture the moment. Kandis Murphy, Chaka Barnes, Jenna Lewis, Dana King, and Candace Bradford show off their smiles at Winter Formal. During the limbo contest, Diana De La Rosa "gets down." In a group dance, Cynthia Colli leads the pack.



Thomas, Nathaniel
Thompson, Chaundra C.
Thurston, Jennison E.
Tucker, Ahkeem J.
Tyler, Barry C.
Tyner, Brittan



Valdivia, Blanca G.
Vasquez, Laura E.
Walker, Jason D.
Warren, Michael G.
Wells, Anternette N.
White, Brandon J. L.



White, Darrell L.
Whitelaw, Thomas
Williams, Blanka
Williams, Calvin
Williams, Daniel D.
Williams, Danielle T.



Winfield, James
Wofford, Dionne
Woods, LaShea
Young, Ricky
Zamora, Vanessa



Waking From a Dream

Adedeji, Tobi
Akers, Jimmy
Amman, Ashley
Avila, Sergio
Bernick, Michael
Boston, Jason



Bray, Sheronda
Bridgman, Thomas
Brooks, Diamand
Brown, Candace
Brown, Edward
Brown, Krystina



Buck Jr., Paul
Burns, Triston
Butler, Cassy
Cameron, Brillynn
Cameron, Deandre
Capasey, Anthony



Cardenas, Francisca
Carpure, LaShonda
Carrasquilla, J.C.
Carrilla, Aracelis
Carter, Crystal
Castro, Angelica



Castro Jr., Edgar
Chmielewski, Jennifer
Clay, Justin
Canely, Jereva
Cannie, Bernard
Cranch, Dawn



Crutcher, Jacques
Davis, Adam
Davis, Ashlee
Davis, Desmond
DeGroot, Heather
Djurjevich, Amanda





Sophomore's show their "03" during homecoming.



Earley, Ivan
Ervin, Bradley
Evans, Kenneth



Ford, Garcsa
Frazier, Bobby
Frazier, Raymond

'03

GO SOPHOMORES!!!



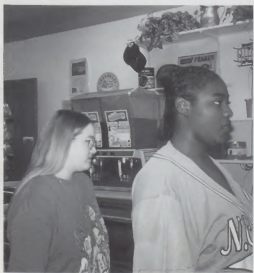
Gutierrez, Elias
Hailey, Arden
Hardy, Clarence
Harmon, Tiffaney



Harris, Delania
Hawkins, Melinda
Hayworth, Michelle
Hazley, Jason



Henderson, Alexandra
Henderson, Karlan
Henderson, Micah
Herron, Mattie
Hester, Quintin
Heth, Julie



Attention! M. Goodman & B. Washington pick lunches.



Huess, Andrew
Halden, Joseph
Howard, Tysan



Hummel, Donald
Isbill, Jennifer
Jimenez, Salvador



Janes, Jay
Kelley, Santana
Key, Aisha



As shown by these sophomores taking a break, gym is a tiring class.

Logunos, Alvaro
Lunhom, Stephonie M.
Lewis, Ashley
Lewis, Carlos
Lewis, Jordan R.
Lizomo, Joel



Lopez, Adrianna
Lopez, Jonothan



Lopez, Orlando
Luciono, Denise



Soph's sift through albums and memoirs to create their memory books.

Lugo, Jesus
Mocon, Gary
Momula, Ryne S.
Martin, Cozy L.
McGorry, Sovonho
McGee II, Thomas



Medrano III, Concepcion
Merrick, Lindo



Morales, Ricardo G.
Mounia, Deandra L.



Mount, Tristo
Murrell, Joyce E.



What delicious entrees! These sophomores pick out what to eat at lunch.



The times sophomores will remember the most are when they can talk and relax with their friends.



Nevarez, Sergio
Olszewski, Meagan M.
Oluga, Tittilaya S.
Patton, Charles
Ray, Shanea



As they're put to the "test," sophomores prove they have what it takes.



Reichersamer, Maggie
Reyna, Crystal L.



Richards, Dantrese M.
Richardson, Manique M.



Rables, Jose
Radgers, Khristhonta C.
Rodriguez, Beatriz
Rodriguez, Claudia
Rodriguez, Mayra
Rudd, Brandon



What a disaster! Sophomores help their friend find her book in the mess.



Sanchez, Adam M.
Sanchez, Ester M.



Sanders, Victoria
Schmidt, Kari E.



Schrader, John D.
Schweis, Adam M.

Sida, Yaneth
Signorelli, Rosetta
Spears, Lamar

Stewart, Shamaine R.
Stakes, Krystal E.
Taylor, Quincy



Sophomores creating memory books.

Taylor, Tausha
Temares, Gerardo
Thampson, Celia D.
Tamlinson, Alicia
Torres, Juan C.
Trinidad, Sonia M.



Turner, Jawann J.
Vazquez, Jose
Vines, Tiffany
Vukich, Valine



G. Fard toots her horn in band.

Walker, Jamie L.
Warren, Christopher J.
Washington, Jared L.
Webb, Lakeithia K.



Webb, Maggin
Weems, Amber
Wendell, Chase
Wheeler, Jeanette
White, Matthew
Whitelow, Tyrell



Willis, Tracie M.
Wojcik, Jennifer L.
Walfe, Patricia



Woods, Desirae L.
Yarbrough, Edward D.
Young Jr., Raymond T.



Zartuche, Jessica L.



Mighty Willy the Wildcat jerks the zealous 'Sophs.

Venture to Dream



Adams, Nicole
Albro, Christopher J.
Alvarado, Sondra



Alvarado, Sergio
Andrews, Kirk
Ayon, Lucio



Banks, Michael
Barnett-Birdsong, Jazmeena A.
Borrera, Tony



Benobidez, Rachel R.
Bicknell, Christopher
Boring, Notolie A.



Brooks, Brandon S.
Brown, Jennifer
Brown, Jordon B.



Butcher, Amanda L.
Butler, Chiquito J.
Cabrales, Leticia



Colhoun, Bridgett S.
Calvillo, Luz M.
Connady, Nodio M.



Chose, LoDonno
Coleman, Brandon
Collins, Marcus T.



Covington, Adam N.
Covington, Isaiah L.
Cruz, Jeffrey

Ambitious Freshmen Discover What High School Is All About

As they enter high school, freshmen face more classes and more responsibility; even more challenges are ahead of them as life goes on. True enough, this year should be filled with laughter and fun times, but it is also a time to start cracking down and get prepared for adulthood.

When freshmen do make the transition from middle school to high school, soon they understand what is expected of them in the future: responsibility, organization, initiative, leadership, self-control, and respect for others. The time to develop these characteristics is when we are young, when habits are easier to change.

Many present juniors and seniors wish that they could turn back the hands of time to when they were freshmen and start over, but it's a little too late. Night school, summer school, and other alternatives are offered, but a lot of times, they are too much to handle as the year closes.

No one should pass up the golden opportunity to start anew. It really doesn't pay to stress out over something that could have been done from the start.



Starting the Journey

Currier, Keith
Culver, Justin
Cowart, Justin
Delach, Brian
Denham, Christia
Diaz, Christopher



Dixan, Phyllis
Douglas, Sarah
Drisdell, Frank
Drummond, Maranda
Edwards, Scott
Enriquez, Victoria



Espinaza, Anthony
Espinoza, Victor
Estrada, Elizabeth
Estrada, Meagan
Faight, Catherine
Flares, Michael



Figueroa, Araceli
Ford, William
Freeman, Lean
Gawran, Ryan
Gil, Hugo
Gilbert, Brandon



Gilliand, Portia
Gilyard, Marcus
Gladney, Antania
Gomez, Lidia
Gordon, Joseph
Green, Gregory



Green, Takeia
Gross, Antoine
Gutierrez, Jesus
Hamilton, Scott
Harper, Talisha
Hernandez, Eric



Hernandez, Jonathan
Herrera, Savannah
Herring, Percy
Hollander, Billy
Holmes, Anthony
Horton, April



Hunt, Michele
Hurms, Alexis
Hurt, Steven
Ibarra, Lizbeth
Igras, Amanda
Jackson, Tamara



Joanes-Salako, Bernique
Jahson, Nichole
Jones, Adrian
Jones, Darnell
Jones, John
Jones, Johnate



Dare to Give It Your All



Jones, Louren
Jones, Steven
Jones, Sietiko
Keaton, Ninji
King, Kyro
Kuntz, Debero



Lores, Brendo
Little, Doshunda
Lopez, Joel
Lopez, Kristol
Lopez, Roberto
Lugo, George



Luviono, Isobel
Ly, Cindy
Lyles, Deloney
Mogofo, Veronica
Manning, Tiffoney
Morcovich, Nicole



Matinez, Borltozor
Mortinez, Shormoyne
McClelland, Stacey
McNeil, Hollis
Mendez, Belen
Mendez, Mario



Mendez, Rosalia
Moore, Chakao
Moore, Krystle
Morales, Cristol
Morris, Michelle
Nelson, Rony



Olmos, Francisco
Ostopchuk, Shone
Parker, Tyrell
Parrish, Jon
Peek, Allen
Peek, Krystle



Percak, Amondo
Phillips, Jontoe
Phillips, Michael
Porter, Amy
Portney, Jacob
Przewoznik, Rochel



Quirogo, Morie
Roschke, James
Recio, Sofia
Reyes, Angelino
Reynoso, Edgor
Robinson, Franz



Rodriguez, Jovonna
Rodriguez, Patricio
Roldon, Modeline
Rosado, Luis
Royol, Micoh
Rumsey, Christopher

No Snoozing, Freshmen

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Rutherford, Jennifer
Saldana, Timothy J.
Santiago, Grisel
Santos IV, Jose M.
Scott, Julian A.
Scott, Lakeya S.



Scott, Thomas C.
Sellers, Dennis K.
Shepard, Craig A.
Short, Brittany
Sida, Alfredo
Sida, Anayenci



Sida, Isela
Silva, Maria
Simmons, Jennica
Simmons, Jessica
Simpson, Rashad
Smith Jr., Jeffrey J.



Smith, Julian
Smith, LaHenry
Smith, Marian
Stabalita, Vicente
Stanley, Anthruss
Starkey, Paris P.



Stout, Victoria Y.
Strickland, Angela
Stringer, Shacie D.
Tanna, Nikia
Thomas, Frederick J.
Thompkins, Cassie T.



Tinoca, Eric
Torres, Erica L.
Trinidad, David J.
Tucker, Jerry M.
Tucker, Marcus
Underwood, Cary



Wake Up and Pay Attention



Upshaw, Alexandria M.
Valdez, Veronica
Valliant, Andrew



Vazquez, Allan A.
Wagner, Brandon M.
Walker, Brian T.



Washington, Davion S.
Watson, Nigel
Weems, Jordan D.



Weems, Shawn R.
White, Tashonda J.
Williams, Adreana N.



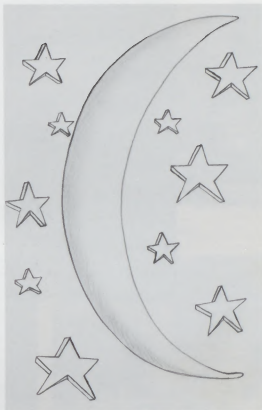
Williams, Ariel
Williams, Marcus E.
Williams, Paul A.



Wojcik, James M.
Wolfe, Tiffany
Wright, Nakia N.



Young, Londea



Twin sisters Jessica and Jennica Simmons show that they loovee each other.



Administration on Task



Mr. Cassel White
Principal



Mrs. JaEllen Raby
Assistant Principal



Ms. Cynthia Warner
Assistant Principal

Support Personnel and Counselors



Mrs. Ritter, Office Manager



Mrs. Castilla, Office Secretary



Mr. Monberg, and new counselor Mrs. Hayden. Mrs. Malchan (not pictured)



Mrs. Sue Keenon, Guidance Secretary



Ms. Nieves, Bookkeeper



Mrs. Wendy Stewart, Attendance



Ms. De La Riva, Therapist

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M.S. Ball State 1967



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B.F.A. Art Institute of Chicago
M.S. Indiana University
non-degree Morey House
Teachers' College



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M.A. School Media Specialist

Mr. Van Bialon, Band
Teacher's Certificate Bialon
Music School
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Art Ed. Certificate School of the
Art Institute of Chicago



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B.A. Butler University
M.A. Valparaiso University



Mr. George Green, Social Studies



Ms. Tanika Griffin, Science



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Mrs. Karen Kaszuba,
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Ms. Donna Kula, Spanish



Mr. Verne Lee, Science
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Currently earning M.S.

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M.S. Indiana University

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M.A. Indiana State University

Mr. Robert Schneider, English
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University

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B.S. Culver-Stacton College
1969
M.S. Western Illinois University
1971

Mr. Charles Sizemore, Science
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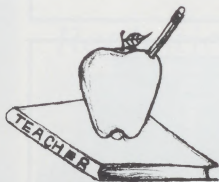


Depend upon Our Teachers



Teachers' Aides Lend a Helping Hand

Mrs. Felicia Beverly
Mrs. Debbie Brown
Mr. Sam Pollard
Not pictured: Ms. Linda Houser



Teachers Not Pictured

Mr. Michael Banham, English
B.A. & M.S. Purdue University
Mr. Eugene Baron, Mathematics
Mr. William Goldsby, Social Studies
Mrs. Gloria Gonzales, ESL
B.A. Valparaiso University & ESL Endorsement I.U.N. Mrs. Arna Long,
Phys. Ed. & Health
Mr. Larry Maka, Mathematics
Ms. Ruth Parkhurst, English
B.S. & M.S. Indiana University
Mrs. Sylvia Rapp, Foreign Language
B.A. Western Illinois University & M.A. Governor's State University
Ms. Lavern Rea, Social Studies
Ms. Gloria Robinson, Consumer Ed.
Mr. John Slater, Business
Ms. Nancy Werner, Consumer Ed.
B.S. & M.S. Indiana State University
Ms. Darlene Woodbury, English
Mr. Kenneth Wysocki, Computers



On the floor Mr. Hayden! Why me? At the Masquerade we saw staff members from H.H.S., including Mrs. & Mr. Hayden, Ms. Warner, Mr. White, Ms. Browne & her escort, Mr. Goldsby with his wife, and Mrs. & Mr. Keenon, laughing and having fun.

Need help? Teachers give us a hand by teaching students the right way to do school work. In this case we see Ms. Browne helping construct an art design in her class; as we can see by the expression on her face, it can be hard to be an artist.

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Top Row: Sandra Morena, Rasie Jarrett, Julie Figueroa, Rose Heard, Alicia Flores,
Carol Kitchens Bottom Row: Sue Fredrick, Mary Henderson (manager)
Cafeteria Staff

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Dewayne Box, Jim Andrews, Jim Earl
Custodian (male staff)

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Debbie Smiley, Myrtle Warner, Gloria Rembert, Marge Abner
Custodian (female staff)

Reality Check



Ms. Sharon Stevens
Nurse



Mrs. A. Andrews-Blanton
Facilitation Teacher



Mr. Holmes
ICBM

Realistically Speaking



Angelo Rice-Alicia
Speech Therapist



Ms. Quinn
Psychologist

Dealing with Reality



Ron Johnson, Bill Lewter
Just two of the Hammond Police who help us on a regular basis.

Mixing of Heritages

Recipe for Understanding

The best meals are created with a variety of tastes and textures. Hammond High's diversity is like adding spices to the mix. A little bit of pepper, salt, cumin, and ginger make this dish spicy! Though the numbers have changed slightly over the years, our melting pot consists of 47 percent black, 29 percent white, 23 percent Hispanic, one percent Asian, with some students falling into the multi-race category. Each year, the school honors two of these heritages. The Black History Program and the Hispanic Heritage program have become a part of the school year. Students come together and work hard to show everyone what their heritages means to them.

Mrs. Ekdahl made sure that this year's Hispanic Heritage Program was really cookin'. The program emphasized several different steps from Latin cultures. The dances celebrated were the Echapaca Merengue (Puerto Rican), Elbeeper Caribbean (Cuban), Banda (Mexican), and Apuro Salsa (Puerto Rican).

Mrs. Jones believes that cultural programs are an effective way to dispel prejudice because they go beyond stereotypes, showing contributions minority groups have made to American society. She, along with Mrs. Long, Mrs. Rea, and Mrs. Woodbury, cooked up the theme of "A Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste." Mrs. Jones said that "everything done in the program was to highlight pride, as well as the importance of education to African-Americans. Students need to know that, at one time, it was against the law for African-Americans to be educated... and their punishment was death!"

The main ingredient for the Black History Program was Mrs. Annie Burns Hicks. Mrs. Hicks was the first African-American teacher in the Hammond school system; her lawsuit opened the doors for other minorities to join Hammond's professional staff.

One of the many attractions for the Hispanic Heritage Program were South American flags hanging from the top of the stage. Here, Mrs. Roach and Ismael Avila are setting up these flags before the performance.

Right: Ending their wonderful performance, these Hispanic Heritage participants took their final bows.

Below: Talented and gifted students from Maywood Elementary display their versatility to everyone while performing a number.





Reflection of Self

Imagine being able to put a piece of yourself into something permanent or for all the world to see.. Imagine being able to express your feelings without using words. Students at Hammond High are able to do this each and every year in the annual art show.

"Art is my secret get-a-way. It helps me express my feelings without using words," said senior Stephanie Boufis. Stephanie has participated in the art show for the last four years. She currently takes two art classes. These classes help her relax, plus it keeps her out of trouble. "If art class was eliminated, I think kids would get into more trouble because they would not have that artistic outlet."

Stephanie has this philosophy about art: "Anyone can do it. You don't have to be a genius to doodle in your notebook. People do that everyday. Art is also a way to incorporate your life into a piece." In this year's art show, Stephanie had many different pieces which reflected her personality, feelings, and mood. "When trying to pick art pieces for the show, I try to remember how I felt at the time I made that painting, or that model, or even that collage. That is a good thing about art; you can put all the happy feelings, all the sad feelings into one painting. It's great being able to do that, to express yourself so easily."

These students (from top right corner, clockwise,) Stephanie Boufis, DeAndre Cameron, Kevin Foster & John Ciupak, Tyrone Webster, student art & preparing for the show, Roy Martin, and Samantha Curtis all participated in the art show.



Mr. Pramuk says he makes things interesting in English 1-2. He is shown here lecturing on an important thematic passage from *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton, which would be useful for student analysis of the novel. This particular book is about gangs in 1960's Oklahoma.

When asked why he assigned this novel, he said, "It can provide insights for life today." He said that students had a knack for observing the personal and meaningful differences between today's society and those of forty years ago. As we can see, they are listening and "anxiously waiting" for Mr. Pramuk to finish quoting a passage in the novel, so they can point out the social significances of gang life in the 1960's vs. 2000's. For their final exam, Mr. Pramuk chose to test their knowledge of this novel.



Dreamy Future

He felt every eye on him as he walked to the podium. Sergia Nevarez' nervousness showed as he stepped in front of English class to give his speech. He began.

No worries crossed Sergia's mind as he spoke about "the most hardworking student." He stood up straight; he had proper grammar. Sergia credits his skills to all the handouts Mr. Pramuk passed out the year before. He doesn't know it now, but skills from these two years will also help next year.

English 5-6 is filled with 'exciting' critiques of American novels ("The list" is always hanging in Mr. Schneider's room) and analyses of poetry, plays, and short stories. And let's not forget about the newspaper one has to write as a senior for Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. All this is lying ahead, not only for Sergia, but for all sophomores.

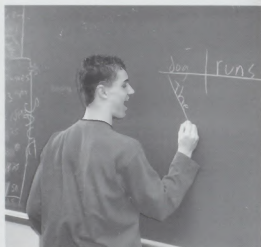
When asked about how he liked writing the speech, Sergia said, "It was easy because I enjoy writing them." Sergia's attitude about English will allow him to succeed.



Sergia Nevarez, all eyes on you, kid!



Help wanted! Mrs. Rabison gives Darvell Smith all the help he needs for the assignment.



Ethan Grove happily diagrams a difficult sentence.



Senior Derek VanBuskirk knows research is the only way to write his Shakespeare article. The newspaper is Ms. Parkhurst's and Ms. Jacobson's English 7 final.

Realität, la Réalité, la Realidad



Listening to the teacher is a big factor in Maggin Webb's education.



Class attention is a requirement for passing Mrs. K's next quiz.



Mrs. Urick's class works hard on their Français.



Mrs. Urick uses the whole board to teach her class.



Jacob Partney learns with all intensity.

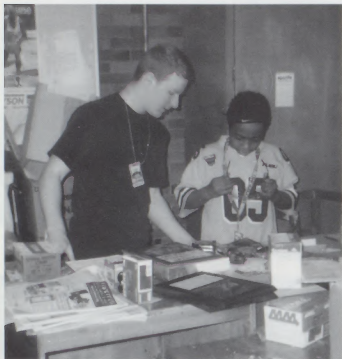


Karl Schmidt always tries to stay focused.



Knowledge is the only thing Ms. Kula's class wants.

Interpreting Reality & Imagination



Seniors may be known for pushing around the freshmen, but here senior Derek Van Buskirk helps freshmen Jeffrey Smith in shop class.



Senior Stephanie Boufis is again creating a masterpiece in Ms. Browne's art class.



Freshman Jeffrey Smith works on a painting project he made in shop class.

As time goes by, Rashad Simpson writes down his favorite shop techniques.

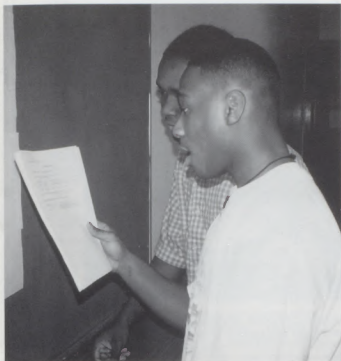


Junior Esteban Gamez works on a poster project for Ms. Browne's Multicultural Art class.

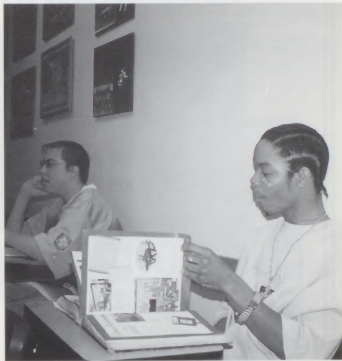
Taleka Killins demonstrates the proper use of scissors as she makes another exciting art project in Ms. Browne's class.



Escape the Present with History



In order to keep playing sparts, Damien Williams and Anthony Gause have to keep their grades up. Ambitiously, they check out the grade sheet in Mr. Aldrin's class.



Ray Martin carefully counts the pages in his history book as Clifton Parter ponders about the answers to next week's test.



"Girls, girls. There is enough of me to go around," chuckles Mr. Green.

"It wasn't me," says Herr "G" as he innocently makes a move towards the camera.



"Erskine Farris...Here...Lilyana Gil...Here...Melanie Cross...Here." Mr.G takes roll before a day of lecturing and review. Attentive learning invoves the attendance and active participation of all students.

Darrian Rushing, Xavier Jones, Adam Schelfo, Ahkeem Tucker, Daniel Cantlon and Joe Veyette know when it's time for perseverance and teamwork when it comes to their nation's history.



Preparation Is the Key



Wildcat band members busily practice for their next concert (above). They start practicing songs in August and finish in December, and that's just for the Christmas concert. They celebrated this year's parade win with a pizza party. Though other school systems cancel music programs, Hammond realizes their merit. "Band has been a class that has allowed me to meet many other students with the same interests and has made my high school experience more enjoyable," said senior Liz Spector.

Don't want to eat peanut butter and jelly for the rest of your life? Foods class is the perfect way to learn how to avoid that dilemma. During first semester, the Wildcat chefs' overwhelming favorite thing to make were "macho nachos" and cookies. Second semester's favorites are pizza, candy, and different ethnic foods. This class helps Wildcats learn nutrition and how to cook for the future. Cooking may not be a required class, but it is definantly an important one.

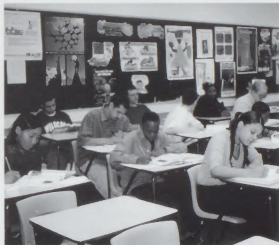


Crying, eating, changing diapers. In child development, Wildcats learn about family and raising children. There are numerous projects in the class to help with roising children, a major focus in the class. Wildcats make goody bags, baby books, and first aid kits. One memorable project requires students to draw slips of paper to find information about their fictitious babies. If the baby has a disease, a student must research the disease. Then, the fun happens. The parents must carry the babies with them everywhere they go. Parents must tend to the baby's every need, which can be hard if the baby has a disease. This project is a definite way of encouraging students to realize the advantages of waiting to start a family. Child development is a way of teaching Wildcats the behaviors needed in families and in their children.

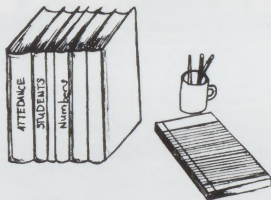


Ms. Jacobson remembers the days of tight, polyester, one-piece gym uniforms. Luckily, all that is required of Wildcots is to dress in t-shirts and shorts! Daily participation with good effort and attitude are also part of one's grade. Mandated by the State of Indiana Department of Education, gym proves to be an important class. The activities in gym help keep students fit. Phys. Ed. also helps students fit in, as students participate in group sports, such as soccer, kickball, volleyball, basketball, softball, and badminton. Wildcots also do aerobics, gymnastics, swimming, weight lifting, jump rope, paddleball, and more in gym to keep healthy and fit. It is important to keep ourselves looking and feeling good.

Health and Safety arms students with valuable tools for prevention of diseases like cancer. Breast and testicular self-examinations may one day save lives; both are taught in health class. Wildcots know how to stay healthy and safe because Mr. Sherer teaches us all about our bodies, pregnancy, birth, STDs, alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Guest speakers are invited to inform us about AIDS and HIV. Wildcots are highly interested in sexuality and the birth process. Staying healthy and abstinence towards drugs lead to Wildcot success in life.



Work ethics and being economically smart are essential for financial survival. We need to know how to make wise money and family choices, keep a job, as well as how to write checks, resumes, and business letters. Workplace Readiness and Consumer Ed. are the perfect classes to learn about these things. Mrs. Joy and Ms. Robinson prepare Wildcots for life after school. Mrs. Joy requires a portfolio, a collection of things we use to show employers, giving them an idea of how organized and prepared we are to enter the workforce.



What helps with learning secretary skills, reference skills, and working with others? Being on office aid, of course. During this elective class, office aids file, answer phones, and take messages. Although, a lot of aids are in the counselor's office, main office, and library, some are in classes helping teachers.

Below: Craig Shepherd treckes quietly through the woods at Oxbow Park as he prepares to take a water sample.
 Right: One of the many types of flora seen at Oxbow, the Trout Lily was among the prettiest.



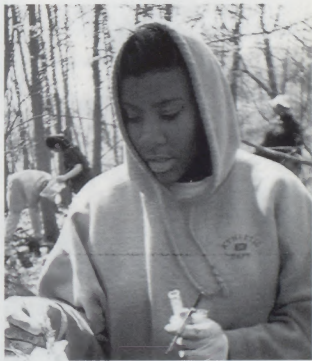
Above: Mr. Hayden's class takes a much needed break after a long day of hands-on science.
 Right: Working together on the beach at the dunes, Sarah Scott and Joann Figueroa



Science Beyond the Books

Many people complain that education is too much books and facts and not enough hands-on experience. This, however, isn't true in Mr. Hayden's class. Each year students are taken to both the Indiana Dunes and Oxbow Park. Oxbow is a wetlands reserve containing all sorts of colorful flora along with various wildlife. It's also a place where anyone can get away for a peaceful hike through the forest. Here students get the chance to work with real life specimen straight from nature and see various plants that aren't seen in every day life.

At the Indiana Dunes, students conducted experiments with water on a sunny day at the beach. It's this kind of learning that keeps students interested in school and creates an environment that causes them to want to learn.



Far Top: Danielle Sheperd and Darrian Rushing look unsure as the water comes toward them at the Dunes.

Top: Ramsey Robinson gets down and wet as he gets his water sample.

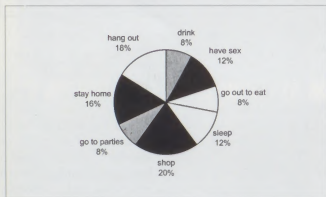
At Oxbow Park, Berinque Jaanes continues her experiment in a test tube.

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

Reality of Senioritis Finally Exposed



You comin' back after lunch?



"I cut back on doing a lot of homework because I'm out of here in less than a year (Well at least I think)." Brian Hunter



Normally responsible Mary (friend), Meghan Gould, and Louren Taylor spend on afternoon in the pool rather than in class.

To Ask or Not to Ask?

High school is a stage of life that is full of dreams, choices, and obstacles which can change people and their lives. Not all are fun and games. Life has challenged everyone at least once. This is reality. As young adults, we need to deal with what is here and not try to avoid reality, even if it's something we do not believe in or approve of.

As a group, the yearbook staff chose to focus on issues which often affect the student body: pregnancy, senioritis, and personal obstacles. Blind surveys were used to get feedback about what students were going through inside and outside of school. The survey was completely optional and confidential. Names were not needed. All we asked for was honesty on issues that are presented by life's obstacles. This brought about controversy. Some people thought it was an invasion of one's personal life; others thought the survey's topics were not moral, and some people did not think we should even be asking the questions. On the other hand, most students were happy to answer the questions and openly discussed their problems, how they were affected by them, and how they might solve them.

As journalists, we cannot apologize for seeking information. That is our job. If we cannot ask the questions, we cannot seek the answers. We will not avoid reality. The purpose of a survey is to allow varying opinions to be heard, so in this sense, ours was successful. We appreciate those students who were honest with their answers and respected our right to collect data. As a result, we were able to share the information with the student body.



"I haven't got Senioritis, infact I've improved. I want to make this year worthwhile. I plan to graduate." Zereido Lee

Dream Deferred?

Jonetta Broaden got pregnant at the end of her freshman year. She had a girl and named her DiAviyon. Here Jonetta tells us what her life is like as a young mother:

"The worst day of my life was when I found out I was pregnant because I thought it couldn't happen to me — but it can happen to anyone. I kept saying to myself, 'If we would have used protection, I wouldn't be in this situation.' But it was too late. I kept asking myself, 'How am I going to tell my mom? How can I take care of a baby when I'm still a baby myself, and how am I going to support my child with no job?'"

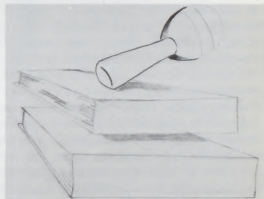
"When I had the baby, my family helped me out a lot. But if you don't have a big family like I do, it's going to be harder. It's hard for me because I'm still in high school, working a 5 to 10 job, and coming home to a hollering baby. I get home and don't have time to do anything because I'm always busy with the baby. Don't get me wrong, the best day of my life was when I had her — it was like something of my own that no one can ever take away from me. But then I have to finish all my work in school; I don't have time to do it at home because of the baby."

"Imagine waking up, at all the times of the night, to feed and change the baby and then going to school in the morning...and after school go to practice, then work from 5 to 10, come home tired and ready to go to bed, but can't because the baby is awake!"

"My life revolves around my child. There are so many things that I miss, like hanging with friends, going to parties, but I can't go anywhere without finding a babysitter first. I can't go shopping for myself; every time I get money the baby always needs pampers, baby wipes, clothes, socks, etc. As you can see my life's not as easy as everyone thinks it is."



"I didn't think that it was going to be this hard. I helped my sister raise her kids but it was different. I could always give the kids back to the mom when I was done playing with them, but now I own the mom."



Who Would Have Known...

- the United States has the highest teenage pregnancy rate of all developed countries.
- about 1 million teenagers become pregnant each year; 95% of those pregnancies are unintended, and almost one third end in abortion.
- public costs from childbearing totaled \$120 billion from 1985-1990; costs have risen since.

The Good News Is...

- birth rates during 1991-1996 declined for teenagers in all racial and ethnic groups. The website AEGIS (www.aegis.org) lists several sites which indicate the rate continues to drop.
- organizations, such as Community RAP (Reducing Adolescent Pregnancies), are helping states develop and implement strategies to prevent teenage pregnancies.
- many websites are available which promote and support parental involvement such as, www.notmenotnow.org



Like Jonetta, Charlotte considered her parents when faced with the obstacle of pregnancy. "My parents had so much faith and trust in me, and I disappointed them. They are willing to help me anyway," senior Charlotte White

Understand Others' Obstacles...

We Don't Always Know the Nightmare

With the speed of light, word spreads that one female is about to confront another. More confident with every stride, the accuser marches toward the innocent girl. She knows that a crowd of instigators and fight-hungry fanatics is gradually increasing behind her. The other girl, wrongly accused, nervously backs into the lockers, not knowing what the confrontation is about. Instantly she realizes that she's a victim of a childish rumor. Smack! The accuser viciously aims to punch and scratch some more. If only she knew she was wrong.

Among the many obstacles that young adults in Hammond High face, rumors are the biggest problem. According to a Dunes survey, most of the violence at school is a harmful result of rumors. "Rumors do irritate me, and they are real immature. Those are the reasons for me wanting to move," said a student wishing to be unidentified.

A chaotic homelife was the next leading problem for students answering our survey. Fellow students often don't understand what peers encounter at home. All of these situations create obstacles. Maybe someone we know has been abused by parents or siblings and comes to school shaken and unable to concentrate. Some, less fortunate than we, have one or even no parents around, so they may lack guidance or support. On the other hand, restrictive parents can exclude their children from participating in school sports or other extra-curricular activities. This can ruin the chances for students to get full scholarships or to be able to lead a social life.

If someone in our school was to tell us that he was homeless, would we believe it? The bar graph below disturbingly reflects the reality. The graph may reveal that few people are homeless; however, one out of that small percentage could easily be someone we know.

Our survey also sheds some light on an obstacle that can affect attendance and therefore, a student's education.

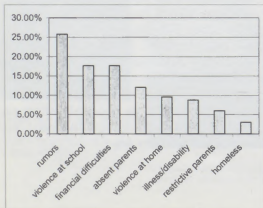


"I'm still in school, and its hard to work at the same time. I'm thinking about college."
Tabatha Beeler, freshman



"Everyone has financial problems, some worse than others. College is an issue; I'm thinking ahead. I'm not working, so it's hard to save. Basically its like if my parents don't have money, I don't either."
Lela Thompson, sophomore

Sound Familiar?



Roughly 8.7 percent of our respondents have suffered from illness or disability, either their own or close relatives or friends. This second leading obstacle is out of teens' control and difficult to overcome. Jennison Thurston said, "My brother suffered from a sports injury and had to have surgery. With no insurance, the bills mounted up to 10,000 dollars. So my paychecks, around 500 dollars a month, mostly went straight to bills."

Issues that are a joke to some can really affect others. A number of students are often heard cracking jokes concerning fellow peers' clothing. Just because they do not have the finer things in life, it shouldn't give others the audacity to judge them. For all we know, there could be some troublesome barrier that they're facing behind closed doors. When we make jokes or start rumors about our peers, in the end, the joke is on us.

Waking Up to a Nightmare

Last year junior Andy Papiez woke up two days before Christmas to a dreadful disease. He already had most of the symptoms but didn't realize their significance until that night. A stabbing pain shot through his back as he slept, causing a loss of sensation in his legs. Frightened, Andy rushed to the emergency room to find the cause of the terrible pain.

Doctors explained that Andy had Wegener's Disease. The worst part of Wegener's is the work it does on the inside; it weakens the body from the inside out. It starts by turning the immune system against itself, rendering it useless. Then, the disease inflames the blood vessels. Next, the patient develops flu-like symptoms, which prevent a proper diagnosis. In the end, Andy lost sensation in his legs and fingers. "At first," Andy said, "I was too doped up to realize what happened." He added that when he heard that he'd nearly died, he "freaked out."

Papiez later learned that the stabbing pain in his back, which got worse when he breathed, was caused by seven calcium deposits that had grown by his lungs. The loss of sensation and the deposits



were the result of Wegener's disease. Andy would soon discover more about this incurable and unbelievable illness.

There is no answer to where Wegener's disease originated. Andy, 17, is one of the youngest people to contract Wegener's. The average age of victims is between 30 and 40 years. The disease has only affected 300,000 people in the world over. In fact, Andy is the only person in this region to get it.

Wegener's affected a lot of Andy's life. Imagine being held back from everything and

everyone for weeks or months. Fortunately, Andy was home schooled and has the credits needed to graduate with his class. Another concern of Andy's was his sports career. Andy was on the football team this year, but baseball will have to wait until he is stronger. Wegener's also put his life outside of school on hold. Andy wasn't able to go outside or around anyone for six weeks because his immune system couldn't take getting sick. Andy was unable to celebrate Christmas or New Year's Eve because of the timing of his illness. He missed out on a lot of friends' events, and he didn't get to come to school to see his friends. Andy said, "I was so bored at home with no one there."

Papiez continues to take a combination of three drugs. His future is okay — nobody dies from Wegener's; however, most patients have a relapse of the disease within two to three years of stopping the medication. Although Andy was scared and hospitalized for weeks, he pulled through, happy and upbeat. His main saying is "Hey, I'm alive!"



Sports



Some Dreams Became a Reality

Racing Towards Their Dreams



John Ciupak is wonderfully demonstrating how he's feeling by the look on his face at another Cross Country meet.



Bang! And they're off! Look at Elizabeth Estrada, Angelina Reyes, and Christine Leach go, as they begin their race to the finish line at another Cross Country meet.

"I was so tired I thought I was going to pass out before I finished the race at my Cross Country meet," said Christine Leach.

With her teammate, Angelina Reyes foot steps behind her, Elizabeth Estrada works her way slowly but steadily to the finish line.



Left to Right: Franz Robinson, Coach Holmes, John Ciupak

Back Row: Lidia Gomez, Coach Holmes, Christine Leach
Front Row: Elizabeth Estrada, Angelina Reyes



Their Dreams Are Just Out of Reach... for Now

It wasn't the best of times, but it wasn't the worst of times. The volleyball team had a rough season this year which began with a late start. The lack of coaches, which produced the late start, cut out a lot of needed practice, resulting in the loss of many games.

After a coach was found, the team finally began to get together and practice. Soon afterward, a confusion between three coaches prevented more practice. Then, because of the confusion and the teams losing streak, several team members quit.

However, near the end, remaining team members finally got together and attempted to build the team that was needed at the beginning of the season. They pulled together and got some much needed practice.

The volleyball team finished off the season with a glorious win over Roosevelt in sectionals, but then lost to Highland in semi-state. "I think we did pretty good for what we had to work with," said Kari Schmidt, "I think we'll do a lot better next year because there will be more juniors with better skills. But really, all we want to do is have fun!"

Trista Mount watches as her teammate Ashley Moore runs to return her opponents serve.

All photos by root.

Nakia Tanna concentrates on returning the opposing teams serve.



Tap: Coach Matthews, Kyr
King, Asst. Coach David
Heautra, Luschavna Wilson,
Asst. Coach Juellen Fulk. Middle:
Nicole Adams, Tara Jones
Bottom: Nakia Tanna, Celia
Thompson, Antionette Lewis
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Nicole Adams Dives for the ball, showing her opponents that she has what it takes to win.
All photos by Root.

Karl Schmidt discusses her strategy with fellow Wildcat Sarah Michna about plays for their upcoming game.



Top: Asst. Coach David Heautra, Krystina Brown, Trista Mount, Maggie Reichersamer, Krystle Jenkins, Jorden Portney, Asst. Coach Joellen Fulk, Coach Matthewson Middle: Melinda Hawkins, Sarah Michna, Kari Schmidt Bottom: Lino Lucero, Jen Isbill, Ashley Moore, Liz Rivera

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"Go, Go Wildcats!" shouts The Hammond High volleyball team as they get pepped up for their next game.

Dreams Were Lost, But.....



Francisco Olmos shows off his soccer skills as he gets the ball away from his opponent. His teammate, Jon Hernandez races to help Francisco out. The other team has no chance of getting this ball.



"Here it goes!!" Danny Cantlon watches as, # 11 Alfredo Sida smashes the ball across the field.



Top Row: Coach Foreside, M. Sparavalo, A. Sida, J. Hernandez, E. Gonzalez, D. Cantlon
Middle Row: K. Lopez, F. Olmos, R. Hawland, I. Avila, F. Robinson, A. Ryan
Bottom Row: R. Albores, J. Santos, B. Martinez, A. Vazquez, S. Jimenez. Vary Photo



Number 7, David Lucero helps his teammate, Jose Vazquez during one of their soccer matches, as he blocks their opponent from getting the ball.



Number 15, Allan Vazquez, kicks the ball to the other side of the field. The soccer team looks on, waiting for the other team to try to return that ball.

Hard Work Broke Through



Number 10, Jose Vazquez fights to get the ball, while his opponent makes an attempt to get the ball. All photos by Root.



Look at how high # 4 Danny Cantlon jumps as he attempts to get the ball away from his opponent. Danny's teammate, Baltazor Martinez, # 25, comes to help him.



Soccer Players Gave Their All

This year, Hammond High School's soccer team did not achieve their highest dreams. Even though they may not have won many of their games, they put all their hearts into each and every game that they played. They tried to win each game not only for themselves, but also for their school. Sometimes fans do not admire the audacity of players who keep working, regardless of the results. Though we try our hardest, sometimes we fall short. Even though this year was unsuccessful, there will always be hope for next year.



Francisco Olmos shows his fancy footwork as # 22, the Clark opponent tries to get the ball. "Try and get this ball away from me..."



"Return this" Goalie Ron Howland, # 20, returns the ball to the opposing team. As a goalie, Ron has the gruelling job of keeping the opponent from scoring any points.



HOME	AWAY	TOTAL
36	070	036
SOCCER	FOOTBALL	BASEBALL
33	2	5

Underwater Visions



Keep On Kicking

The lady swimmers won three meets, but lost thirteen. The team had real good communication and they had fun, but they hope to get more people to join.

"I think to have a better team, we needed only a few more people. I was real upset that there were no boys that wanted to join the team. Mrs. Mathewson gave us a lot of spirit and I think that next year's team will do better, and hopefully I will be coming back next year to help coach," Captain Rachel Vela.

The team feels they did a good job either way. They hope that maybe next year they'll have a bigger swim team, including a boys team.



Top row L to R: Stephanie Moreno, Stacey McClelland, Jamie Gage, Jamie Walker, Alicia Tomlinson Middle row: Captain Kristi Bishop, Coach Mrs. Mathewson, and Captain Rachel Vela Kneeling: Manager Melissa Goodman

TAH—DAH! The swim team demonstrates their togetherness and the fun they had.





Aspirations

The Frosh Team was 0 and 8 this season. They tied one game. The Frosh aspire to overturn those numbers.

Frosh Football team picture from L to R: Coach Vasquez, Marlon Bady, Andre Meeks, Antonio Gladney, Jordan Brown, James Raschke, George Lugo, Craig Shephard, Alphonse Herron,

Coach Brown, row 2 Chris Bicknell, Marcus Collins, Dennis Sellers, Micah Royal, Luis Rosado, Dereck Green, Steven Hurtt, Marcus Gilyard, Francisco Olmos, row 3 Mike Banks, Jesse Shepard, Bryant Walker, John Best, Victor Espinoza, Hugo Gil, Antoine Gross, Dino Miller.

J.V. Football pictured with Varsity team. Yary Photo

Frosh Football Coaches this season: Victor Vasquez and James Brown

J.V. Football Coaches this season: Robert DeLono and Greg O'Donnell



Dream Catching

Pinch yourself, you're not dreaming. Hammond High football players once again proved that dreams can become reality. Beating Clark, no sweat. Running past Lowell, no problem. But when they arrived at Griffith for the sectional championship, the team knew that it was going to take some hard work and determination to win the game. Our Wildcats, who hadn't beaten the Panthers in 11 years, showed the region that there is no limit to what we can do and where we choose to go.

With an amazing record of 9-3 and the defeat of the Panthers on their shoulders, our Wildcats knew it was time to buckle down. Falling short to the "Rrrocckies" by only a few points, it was still a spectacular season that the 2000-2001 football team gave us. There were also some hidden players that affected the whole team by the positive feedback and support that they gave.

Number 11 Andrew Heuss zooms past his defenders in the 4th quarter of homecoming.

Having teamwork is a real important key to success. Getting along with your teammates really makes a difference when your whole reputation is on the line. Junior Ronnell Watson talks about the subject. "We were a great team! I really enjoyed going as far as we did this year. Our team had great chemistry and we always got along. That's the key to having a successful football team."



It's all good as Athletic Director Mr. Badovinich congratulates "JJ" Jamall Simpson on their flawless victory.



Above: Jawann "J-Rock" Turner brings it home when the referee makes his touchdown official.

Right: Coach T.Z. and his ferocious 'Cats enjoy a little free time before crushing the 59ers.





Coaches Bob Delano, Tommy Franks, and Tim Zasada discuss a winning play with the referee.

Before they get their chance to disperse onto the field, our wonderful Wildcats nervously anticipate their teammates next play.



Who's in control? Obviously not the Andrean players as Mike Coles pulls a fast one by them.



During halftime, 'Cats fans look on as Dino Miller says "Wassup" to his buddy Victor Espinoza.

Senior Grappler Goes All the Way

Heart...determination...patience: the three qualities that one needs to be a good wrestler. This year's freshmen wrestlers had been, by far, the most promising group that Senior Brandon Dorsey has seen in his four years as a grappler. Brandon said that even the new people who went out for the team this year showed a lot of heart and promise.

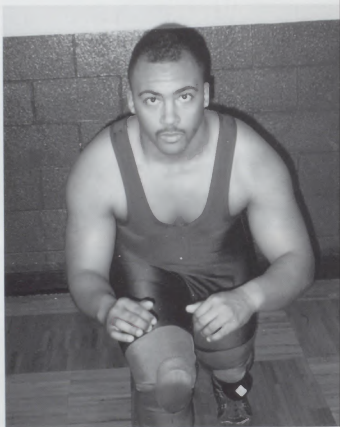
Not only does he wrestle, but Brandon also plays football and runs track. Going from football season to wrestling season was hard for Brandon. He had to lose twenty-five pounds in two weeks, so he would be able to wrestle in his weight class. Wrestling is arguably the hardest sport to participate in. Brandon, a heavyweight who went to State this year, said, "Wrestling is a very demanding sport. It puts a toll on your body. I would rather do football two-a-days for three weeks than do one week of wrestling." Wildcat wrestlers must practice in a 90 degree room for three hours a day, five days a week. Some grapplers may have to fast and exercise to make weight, as Brandon did. They must run to raise stamina and lift weights to gain strength.

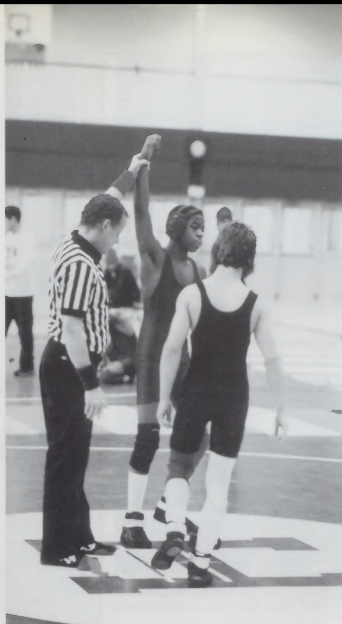
Brandon Dorsey wrestled down in Indianapolis, Indiana at the State competition. "Going into the stadium gave me such an adrenaline rush. There were 9,000 people there to see me wrestle." Brandon started his wrestling career in seventh grade at Eggers Middle School. Brandon said that he started wrestling because he "saw how the wrestlers at Eggers were in such good shape." Over the years, Brandon practiced really hard and did much to get ready for each wrestling season.

Brandon is going to miss wrestling at Hammond High next year; and he is very happy that he had the opportunity to wrestle down in Indianapolis his last year as a Wildcat wrestler.

"Little Man" Hollis McNeil proves that David always triumphs over Goliath.

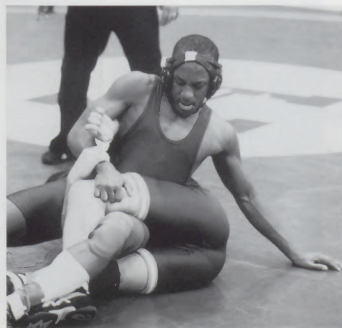
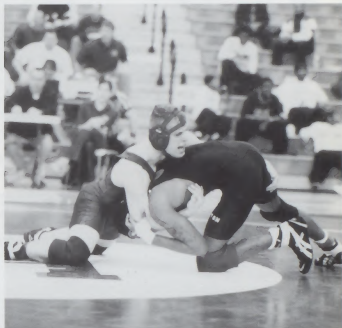
"Up and Out" Antonio Strickland!





Left: After his match, Franz Robinson is declared the winner of his match by the referee.

Gary Macon tries to pin his opponent by doing everything that he can do to win.



Left: Looking for an opening to defeat his opponent, Nick Lewis tries to put his opponent on his back.



Above: Brandon Dorsey, Vincent Jackson, Marcus Collins, Hector Rodriguez, Antania Strickland, Gary Macon, Edger Casita, Nick Lewis, Anthony Robinson, Darvell Smith, Hollis McNeil, and Franz Robinson. All photos by Raot

V A R S I T Y



Top: Cooch Brown, Aaron Dobbins, Anthony Benbow, Keante Aaron, Ceno Nosiloski, Borry Tyler, Coach Green, Middle: Manager Jonetto Broaden, Michael Coles, Ahkeem Tucker, Pierre Taylor, Romell Watson, Manager Kondis Murphy, Bottom: Domien Williams, Jawoon Turner, Anthony Gause, Quentin Stringer

J V



Top: Quintin Hester, David Smith, Clarence Delphie, Josh Kuhn, Andrew Heuss, Bottom: Manager Janetta Broaden, Erskine Forris, Dornell Jones, Justin Clay, Manager Kandis Murphy

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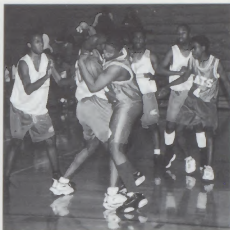


Freshmen Class of '04

AS THE BASKETBALL TURNS



Charge! Jawaan Turner knows the meaning of the word as his defender tries to guard him.



Andre Meeks shows the meaning of "Fight" as he struggles the ball out of his opponents hand

Making The Grade

Making the team, going to every practice and playing in the game only takes up half of what basketball is all about. Mental and physical ability plays a major role in the game of basketball which also depends on the stability of the foundation.

Keeping the team in check makes Coach Green's job even harder. Maintaining a team is difficult when members have no initiative to take school responsibilities seriously. Having skills does not matter when an athlete chooses not to accept the challenge of academics.



Pierre Taylor doesn't play around as he takes it to the house.



Cena Nasiloski believes he can fly as he makes a shot attempt over his opponent.



Nicole Quiles feels like somebody's watching her as she tries to concentrate on the game, but don't worry Nicole, it's only Willy!



The J.V. team is all ears as Joshua Kuhn contributes to the last-minute strategy. Then "Break!"



Anthony Benbaw has the whole gym watching him as he goes up far on an open lay up.



Keonte Aaron shows that his height is good for something as he lays the ball in the hoop.



Playing with aggression, Clarence Delphie knocks the ball out of his opponent's hands, as he tries to shoot.



Knowing that every second counts, Gregory Green tries to hold on to the ball and find an open teammate.

VARSITY



Top Row: Krystle Moore, Maggie Reichersomer, Coach Delano, Coach Zazada, Cooch Howard, Marian Smith, LoDonno Washington, Middle Row: Victoria Stout, Candace Bradford, Delilah Sandifer, Khylo Reed, Khrishonto Rodgers, Nicole Adams, Jennifer Isbill, Bottom Row: Monique Grandberry, Kari Schmidt, Krystle Jenkins, Shacie Stringer

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Top Row: Shomoin Stewart, Maggie Reichersamer, Cooch Howard, Lauren Jones, Khrishonta Rodgers, Middle Row: Nikia Tanna, Cheryl Perkins, Khyla Reed, Antionette Lewis, Bottom Row: Candace Bradford, Shacie Stringer, Nicole Adams

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Top Row: Coach Howard, Coach Zazada, Coach Delano, Middle Row: Krystle Moore, Cheryl Perkins, Lauren Jones, Marion Smith, Bottom Row: Antionette Lewis, Nikia Tanna, Shacie Stringer, Nicole Adams

Lady Cats: Ballers of Today



Taking on the defense, Krystle Jenkins makes that basket count.



Khrishanta Rodgers keeps her eye on the basket, a must when the defense is in her face.



Krystle Moore struggles with her opponent to put the ball in the hoop, as teammates Cheryl Perkins and Marian Smith wait for the rebound.



Getting down and dirty is Maggie Reichersamer; she wants to snatch that ball from her opponent.

Changes come about daily, and the girls basketball team has had some major changes this year. They have made some switches in their coaching staff with Coach Zazada as varsity coach, Coach Delano and Coach Howard as j.v. and freshmen coaches. A freshman team was something we hadn't seen in years at HHS. Being able to have a freshman team meant that lots of girls participated in basketball, also rare these past couple of years. Despite all of the newcomers and changes, the season went fine, and the girls who stuck with the team played their hearts out.

Stars of Tomorrow



Shacie Stringer spots her teammate for the pass.



Monique Grandberry blocks out her opponent and concentrates on making her shot count.



Covered in Whiting players, Delilah Sandifer just hopes to shoot the ball.



Marion Smith watches as Shacie Stringer goes for a lay up.



Nicole Adams shoots "nothing but net" high over her Whiting opponents' head.



Grab that rebound, Cheryl Perkins!



R A C I N G

F O R T H E

G O L D

Top Row: Cooch Brown, Raymond Young, Thomas McGee, Nothon Thomas, Joshua Lopez, Cooch T. Brown, Bottom Row: James Roshchke, John Ciupak, Christopher Ellis, Anthony Gause.

Yory Photo



One Step at a Time

Although there aren't many people on the track team, the members who participate show their commitment by using their skills to achieve goals. The tracksters have many different strategies that they use; as Jennison Thurston says, "I focus on little goals and don't stop, and once I reach that level, I pick a higher one." Each member of the team has his or her own event to do. Even though they form a team, many track events are individual. The students also concentrate on their responsibilities rather than trying to win first place all the time. Even though times gets rough, Micaela Jones says, "My coach gives me support, and tells me not to quit."



Khrishonto Rodgers towers over that hurdle.



In need for speed is Micoelo Jones, as she slows down to catch a breather.



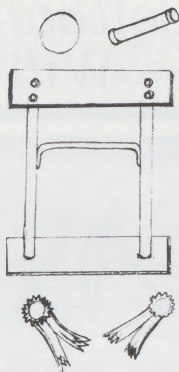
Before the start of the race, Domen Williams anxiously waits for the "Go."



Thomas McGee hustles over the hurdle, while trying to catch up with his opponent.



2000- 2001 Girls Track Team
(Picture not provided)



Using all of his might, Raymond Young struggles to stay in the race.



Keeping the pace is Nikia Tanna.

Softball Team Vision Will Take Time



Practice, Practice, Practice

Talisha Harper (upper left) knows a good stretch is needed to start a full day of practice. Getting right into a strenuous practice without stretching leads to injuries. Once the girls have warmed up, the softball team goes through multiple exercises. The first part of practice is throwing a ball back and forth throughout the field. This is how they warm up their arms. Then the coach hits groundballs which the team members scoop up and throw home. After that, there is a simulation of game play scenarios where teammates practice throwing the ball to the proper plate. This helps Kristi Bishop, (upper right) the catcher, who benefits much from the practices for the actual game. The catcher and the field players are not the only valuable players on the softball team. The batters are also very needed, for obvious reasons; they are the ones who score. Kyra King (lower left) is knocking out a ground ball in order to scramble the opposing team. Vanessa Zamora (lower right) is taking a different approach by hitting what looks like a home run.



Real Players...

An amazing slide for home plate is what Teresa Patterson, left, served this Gary player. During the Gary game every girl gave her all, leading to a victory of 10 to 0. Unfortunately, not all their games ended with such a landslide score. This year was a difficult one for the Wildcats' softball team, but in their own way, they came out on top with a fun year. This, in itself, was all the victory they needed.

All the ladies helped their team in every way they could. For example, Debbie Kunzt, below, caught a lot of fly balls. She, as well as the other girls, supported the team, working their talents in softball to the extreme.

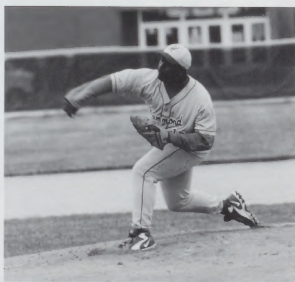


...Making It Happen

The bold and the beautiful softball team... Top row: Coach Patterson, Christine Leach, Kyra King, Angelina Reyes, Kari Schmidt, Vanessa Zamara, Maggie Reichersamer, Delilah Sandifer, Stacey McClelland, Debbie Kunzt, Garcsa Ford Middle row: Danielle Reges, Jenny Chmielewski, Talisha Harper, Teresa Patterson, Kristal Harvey, Kristi Bishop, Jen Isbill Bottom Row: Melinda Hawkins, Liz Spector, Sarah Michna. Yary photo



Wildcat Sluggers Battle on Despite Ineligibility Woes



Top left: Andrew Popiez watches closely, as Cooch O'Donnell demonstrates where he wants Andy to stand.

Top right: Pay close attention, while Cooch Doley teaches botting skills.

Bottom left: Adom Schelfo keeps his eyes on the ball, while he waits for its return. Adom worked hord throughout the year to maintain his eligibility.

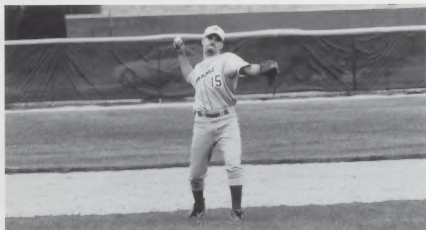
Bottom right: While pitching one of his fast balls, Morquese Patton bends his leg back. Good thing Morquese made the grode, or we'd miss out on his best pitch. He says he fired pitches at 90 miles on hour.



Top Row: Coach O'Dannell, Marquese Patton, Adam Schelfo, Andrew Papiez, Coach Daley Middle Row: Micheal Coles, Ryan Gawran, Joseph Arquette, Jashua Kuhn Bottom Row: Anthony Gause, Jose Santos, Erskine Farris. Yary Photo



After the game, the baseball team gathers together in their huddle to recuperate after a disappointing loss.



Joshua Kuhn spots his teammate and prepares to throw the ball to first base.



Waiting for the ball is Joseph Arquette. He bends down to let it jump right into his mit.



Marquese Patton listens closely to his coach, while they pause to have a brief discussion on the pitcher's mound.



Erskine Farris swings his arm back. He knows what it takes to launch that ball.

Here's to You, Wildcats

The Hidden Champions of Hammond High



Each year, a non-profit organization holds the Special Olympics. Here, handicapped students get the chance to participate in athletics where they would otherwise be ineligible because of their disabilities. The students compete in events such as running, softball throw, and the long jump. Some winners of the 2001 games were (from left to right) Micah Henderson, Jimmy Weems, Ray Frazier, and Triston Burns.



Every year H.H.S. participates in the National High School Math Exam, a difficult test involving all the different areas of mathematics. The top two scores at Hammond High for the year 2001 were achieved by Kari Schmidt and Shane Ostopchuk.



On April 19, 2001, several Hammond High students attended the annual Chesterton Math competition. After the testing, Mike Goril was awarded 10th place in Algebra II and Debera Kuntz won 9th place in Algebra I.

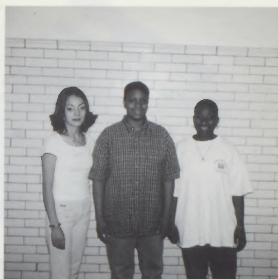
The Golden "G" Awards

Good Citizenship Is Its Own Reward

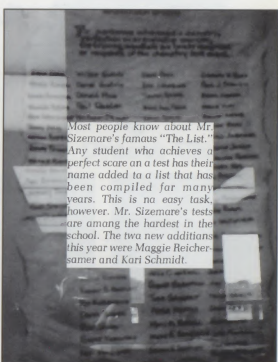




The Calculator Olympiad is a competition that is available from elementary school through high school all across the nation. The 2001 test was taken at all four Hammond high schools. Jennifer Chmielewski took 2nd place among all four area schools.



Earning a scholarship is no easy task. Jessica Hernández earned the Glara Estrada Memorial College Scholarship. Latisha Lave was awarded the NAACP Scholarship, the "Dollars for Education" Scholarship, the Hoosier Scholars Scholarship, and the Bank Calumet Scholarship. Also, Katrina Alexander was given The Hammond Camman Council and the Kiwanis Scholarships.



Every year, Mr. Bialon awards one outstanding senior with The John Phillips Suza award. To achieve this award, a student must have been in the band for four years, have the majority of their grades A's, and play first seat in their music section. The 2000-2001 recipient was Elizabeth Spector, who plays both saxophone and keyboard.



In order to earn a Golden "G" award, one must excel in each of the three categories of citizenship: dependability, a positive attitude, and good attendance. The top five picks for the 2001 Golden "G" awards were Candace Bradford, Mari Mata, Brandon White, Jamie Clark, and Jenna Lewis.



Teeing Off & Swingin' Away

Diagonal photos, from left to right: It isn't always easy for a golfer to keep track of his shot after a long drive. Following the line of his ball is Eugene Hanas who just knocked his Titleist out of the rough. Brandon White warms up before stepping on the green. The team had a pretty poor start at the beginning of the season, but they rallied at the end with four wins in a row. This golfer's chip shot doesn't look like it will go far, but it doesn't have too long to go before reaching the green. Root photos.



Will this put go in? Joel Autry anticipates a birdy. Luckily the weather cooperated, and the grass was in good shape.



Back: Coach Zasada, Brandon White, Dan McGee, Joel Autry
Front: Eugene Hanas, Steven Hurtt, James Hoffman, Michael Phillips
Yary photo



Swinging away is Dan McGee.

Clubs

Science Olympiad Debate Club
Decathlon Environmental Team SADD
Dunes Student Government
Key Club Foreign Language Club
Bible Club Spell Bowl
Peer Mediators Drama Club
Principal Student Advisory Committee Art Club
Super Bowl
National Honor Society Robotics

Pick one, Cats

Debates to Last a Lifetime



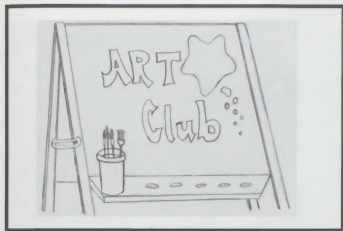
Top to bottom: Omar Martin, Justin Clark, Cynthia Collori, Sarah Michna, Valyncia Gugins, Kari Schmidt, Keindre Tucker, Jacqueline Covarrubias, Barry Tyler, Latisha Love, Antennette Wells, and Karlan Hendersan

The Debate Team is filled with students who like to argue about who's right and then prove it. They dress up in their Sunday's best, one of the debate requirements, and compete with different schools across Indiana. Every year the debaters have a different topic, which they compete . The topic for debate this year was "privacy." Although it has not been a good year, the Saturday mornings have been interesting.

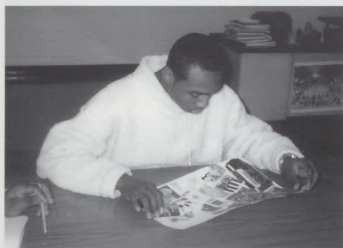
Lauren Jones and Takeia Green show that there is more work involved before a debate as they both finish preparing their cases.



Wake Up! You Were Drawing!



Ms. Browne, Brandon Gilbert, Robert Espinosa, Linda Mireles, Jawann Turner, Thomas McGee, Jon Parrish, and Antaine Gross



Pierre Taylor makes sure his project is correct, as he takes time to look over it very carefully.

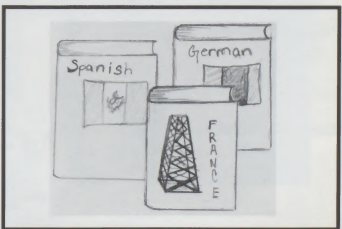


Wildcat artistic creations are often displayed outside of the art rooms. More works are shared at the Hammond High Annual Art Show, see page 49.

Imagine Foreign Language



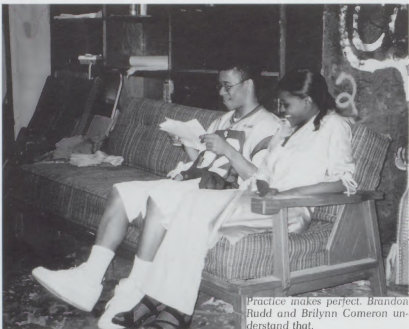
Top: R. Espinosa, J. Covarrubias E., Spector, J. Clark, O. Martin, D. De La Rosa
Middle: M. Grandberry, K. Reed, A. Wells, M. Raines, G. Ford, L. Love
Bottom: C. Collori, B. Williams, C. Bradford, S. Michna, M. Pazdur, C. Ly



Lights, Camera, Action!



Paris Starkey anxiously preposes for show time.



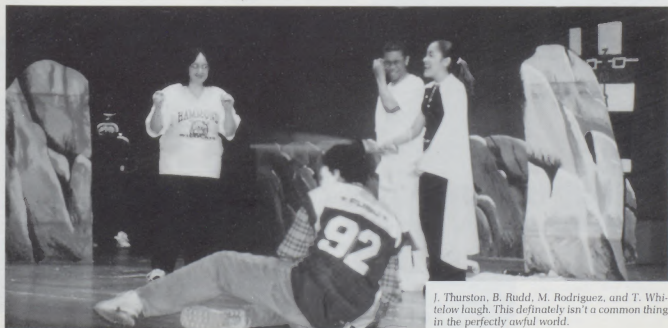
Practice makes perfect. Brandon Rudd and Brilynn Cameron understand that.



There is a time to have fun and a time to get serious. Mrs. Ekdahl, Marvin Jones, and Tammy Davis like to have fun.



"Am I not the most beautiful bird?" asks Gorsca Ford's character.



Set on Science

Fifteen students + twenty-three events + long hours of work = Hammond High School's Science Olympiad team. Omar Martin proves this statement with all his involvement. Omar is one of the proud students of the Science Olympiad team. He is involved in many of the events, including Cow-a-bungee, Mission Possible, and Dynamic

Planet. Showing dedication, Omar had to work with his partner; together, they read the rules, came up with an answer, and then practiced to perfect their solution. For Omar, Science Olympiad has been really a cool and exciting thing for him to be participate in. "Science Olympiad has inspired me to go into other fields of science."



Working hard, Omar Martin tries to get his project "Mission Possible" done in time for the competition.



Scientist Liz Spector checks out the different specimens she found under the microscope.



The Wright Brothers, Gene Hanas and Justin Clark, try to perfect the wing of their plane.



Shane Ostapchuk and Liz Spector try to decide where to put the last screw to hold the project all together.



Waiting in anticipation, Justin Clark and Omar Martin see if their project is going to work.



Mike DeMarco



"One Word: Exciting"

Brian Hunter



"Robotics helped me get a better feel about what engineering is all about."

Elizabeth Spector



"Robotics has been the best experience for me. I will never forget this. Winning the nationals my last year made this the best year by far."

Mike Smith



"Robotics is the best! I can't wait for next year."

Shane Ostapchuk



"I feel that every kid should be exposed to this robotics program... it's a great thing."

A Wish Come True

A packed arena...thousands of high school students...hundreds of robots. All there to compete. Team Hammond was there to win.

This year's Robotics team consisted of twenty students, eleven of which came from H.H.S. These students met everyday for six weeks to design, build, and test their creation.

Students were also the operators of the 'bot. Not only are there drivers, but there is also the human player who gets to interact with the machine. Marques Burnett was Team Hammond's Human Player. Marques had been on the team for three years, and was Team Hammond's human player each year. Sarah Michna, the first female driver for Team Hammond, controlled the robot's movements.

The 2001 season was very successful. Team Hammond attended two different regionals, one in Grand Rapids, Michigan and the other in Evanston, Illinois, before traveling to the nationals. Going into the national

competition, Team Hammond was on a winning streak. All the high hopes were rewarded when Team Hammond came home with the gold.

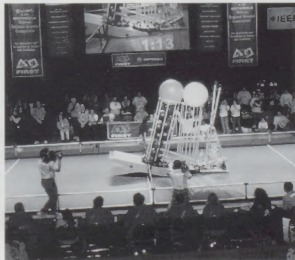
The victory was something that no team had ever pulled off. Team Hammond is the only team to go to three different competitions, get first place at each, and also win the championship. They are also the only team to repeat a national championship win.

Team Hammond may not have the major sponsors that some of the other teams have, but they have Beatty Machine and Manufacturing, one of the team's main sponsors. Without the help from Mr. Bill Beatty, his son Brian, and the many engineers from the company, Team Hammond would not be so prosperous.

Team Hammond's dream is to defend their title in the future.

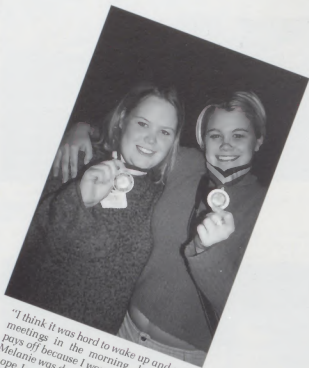
Returning triumphantly from nationals in Florida, the students got a warm welcome from Mayor Dedelow, school board members, parents, teachers, family members, and friends as they got off of the plane. Hammond High students show off their trophies.

L to R: Mike Goril, Justin Clark, Shane Ostapchuk, Ryan Gawron, Marques Burnett, Mike DeMarco, Mike Smith, Omar Martin, Brian Hunter, Liz Spector, and Sarah Michna.



During this year's game, the object was not to beat the opponent, but to beat the clock. Getting the job done in the least amount of time was one key component. With many different designs, each team had its own idea of how to win. What set Team Hammond apart from the rest was their ability to balance two goals on the bridge, which would give the team more points. The BEAST, Beatty Engineered and Student Tweaked, proved that Team Hammond knows how to get the job done. The BEAST showed the robotics world that balancing from the floor was the best strategy, as shown in the picture.

Skills Needed: Apply Within



"I think it was hard to wake up and go to the meetings in the morning, but hard work pays off because I won the bronze. My sister Melanie was determined for me to join and I hope I made her proud by winning a medal." Katie Cross, Junior



Volynia Gogins knows that dedication and hard work is the key to winning a prestigious award in the Decathlon competition.



Top row: Melanie Cross, Michael deMarco, and Valynia Gogins. 2nd row: Liz Spector and Marques Burnett. 3rd row: Katie Cross and Ashley Moore.

It Was Just A Spell



"The hardest thing was devoting my valuable time after school. The best thing was that I got to work with my fellow educated peers." Robert Espinaza, Senior.



"Even though we got last place in the competition, those who participated tried their hardest. I really enjoyed working with them." Linda Mirelez, Senior.

Successes in the Making

important in competitions for Hammond High's Spell Bowl Team. Simply spelling words correctly does not ensure success, however. The right sound, enunciation, and projection of voice become the keys to success as well. Although our team didn't advance this year, many of the students on the team really enjoyed working with their fellow students and getting to know each other. Seniors were even more prepared to enter college as they learn skills to make it in the real world. The importance of getting along shows that, through thick and thin, teammates must stick together.



SUPERBOWL

*Go
Score
Win!*



Jenny Chmielewski, Akia Reed, Valyncia Gogins, Kari Schmidt, Carolyn Madden, Omor Martin, and Karlan Anderson.
Not pictured: Jenisson Thurston and Jocelyn Conley

IN APRIL?

Superbowls are sometimes won or lost on technicalities. At the Academic Superbowl, H.H.S.'s proctor forgot to give our team the periodic table in the science division. Even though the Wildcats had a disadvantage, they came real close to defeating the opposing team. Hammond High's superbowl team missed earning a third place ribbon by one point, a point they could've gotten right with a periodic table. "They should give us another chance to get the place we deserve," teammate Jocelyn Conley said.

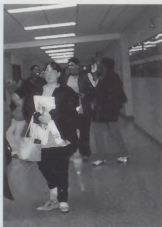
Though the procedure committee agreed that the proctor was partially at fault, they couldn't rule in our favor. Coaches Ms. Parkhurst or Mrs. Baumann must write a letter to appeal the decision of the officials.



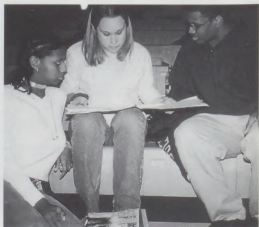
April 20, 2001



Captain Kari Schmidt fills in the dots before the buzzer.



Heading Home after a long day.



In their spare time, Carolyn Madden, Jenny Chmielewski, and Karlan Anderson get a glimpse of this year's yearbook.

Success In the NHS



Guest speaker Clive Beatty rewards students for correctly answering trivia questions.

Out with the old, in with the new; it's the natural cycle of life. In every organization the old members leave their marks. Senior Katie Sanchez is a prime example of a vice president who leaves her mark. "Hopefully I left my impression as a thinker," said Katie. More importantly she feels comfortable knowing that the class of 2002 has many motivated and hard-working students participating. Junior Barry Tyler is one of these students. Barry, the third NHS member in his family, has begun to leave his mark. He plans to start off by building a stronger relationship with the faculty and students. "I believe that you need an open environment to have a strong learning process, and I believe that NHS is one of the best places to start establishing just that," Barry said.

Almost every member has a different idea of NHS, but every member agrees that success is being in the NHS. The cycle will continue because with each beginning comes the end, and the end is just the beginning.



Proud to be an Honor Roll student is Bernique Joanes.



Katrina Alexander hands Melinda Hawkins proof of her academic ability.



Dana King stays calm and looks at the audience with curiosity.



V. Gogins, V. Zamora, A. Miles, K. Reed, D. King, J. Covarrubias, S. Michna, C. Collori, M. Pazure, J. Thurston, K. Tucker, K. Sanchez, L. Love, E. Spector, B. Tyler, J. Kelley, M. Burnett, D. Vanbaskirk, M. Goril and O. Martin are dressed to impress.



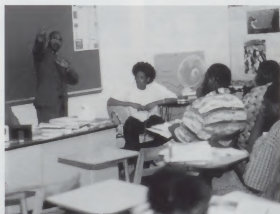
The Temulac (Calumet spelled backwards) is passed from one class to the next. The pipe is symbolic because there once was a Calumet Native American tribe in this area.

Visions and Smart Decisions



Top row: Antennette Wells, Asiah Miles, Dante Johnson. Middle row: William Otero, Katrina Alexander, Tausha Taylor, Manique Richardson. Bottom row: Bianka Williams, Maisha Raines, Everett Green, Garcsa Ford, Brilynn Cameron.

V.A.L.U.E.S is an organization that teaches adolescent boys how to make it in the real world. On April 20, former Hammond High graduates met with several classes to discuss the purpose of V.A.L.U.E.S and the importance of an education. In the photo below, Mr. Lewis spoke to future leaders, stressing graduation from high school as a springboard for future success. Unfortunately, from freshman to senior year, the numbers of students in a class drastically decreases. Considering the dropping rate of graduates at Hammand High, this is an important message.



Garrard McClendon is among one of the successes who visited "The High" helping young adults make the right decision and further their education. He wants students to know that there is more in life to get involved in, rather than just sitting around and becoming nothing. Education becomes an important part of everyday life, especially for minorities. V.A.L.U.E.S. focuses on young African American males, since they often face pressures which prevent them from succeeding in greater numbers, but their message is important for all young adults.

Making History for Years

*Home-
coming*



*Winter
Formal*

Top row: Robert Espinoza, Tiffany Frangello, Maggie Reichersamer, Sabrina Frangello, Kari Schmidt, Sarah Michna. Bottom row: Keindre Tucker, Melissa Pazdur, Garesa Fard, Brilynn Cameron, Diamand Brooks, Katrina Alexander.

Student Peers Are Overseers



Top row: Sarah Michna, Liz Spector, Kari Schmidt, Melissa Pazdur. Middle row: Khyla Reed, Maisha Raines, Anternette Wells, Mr. White, Cynthia Callori, Cindy Ly. Bottom Row: Barry Tyler, Omar Martin, Latisha Love, Candace Bradford, Keindre Tucker.

Masquerade Memories

Favorite formal memories?

"When I started karaoke, the limbo (I was in the last three), and when Tiffany, Jessica, and I did the Electric Slide in the bathroom."

-Maggie Reichersamer

Who was best dressed?

"Damien Williams was best dressed in his white, classy suit."

-Kandis Murphy

What was the funniest moment?

"It was hilarious when Maggie Reichersamer put on that chicken head and lead the chicken dance."

-Tiffany Frangello



Mrs. Hoyden puts on her hoppy face before taking the faculty formal picture. Mrs. Hoyden laughs as Ms. Worner exclaims, "I'm not sitting on that floor to take this picture!"



Liso Salinos, the holo hoop queen of the night, demonstrates that she has the talent and the hips to keep it going. Liso later swished six holo hoops around her waist.



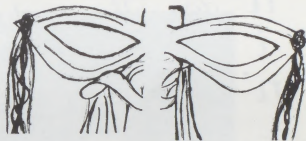
James Hoffman shows off his "fire" skills as holo hoop king of formal. It ain't easy being king, is it James? Right: Jessica Zartuche, Melissa Pozdur, and Diono De Lo Roso show they're not tired, as they head back out to the dance floor.





Left: Some students and staff watch as senior Anthony Gause shows that he can really get down! Mike Fallrad, next in line, hopes to make it under that low bar.

Below: Maggie Reichersamer is the head hen as she leads everyone in the infamous chicken dance. Everyone gets up to dance this one.



Winter Formal February 17, 2001



"Is this my date?" Jamie Hopper asks as masked joker Gonzalo Ramirez assures Jamie it's him.

C l e a n i n' U p H H S

As part of the Environmental Team, these students helped beautify our school grounds. Planting marigolds, petunia's, salvias, day lilies, hostas and other flowers created a colorful landscape off of Calumet Avenue. From left to right: Bridget Clark, April Vaccaro, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Sarah Michna, Kari Schmidt, and Mariela Rodriguez take a break from planting for a photo to show off their work.



One Flower at a Time

Each year, Mr. White teams up with a group of students who are interested in making the school look more welcoming to visitors. They accomplish this by planting flowers around the school grounds. Mr. White also gets into his jeans and helps plant the flowers. He gets his hands dirty, and but he gives gardening lessons, too.

Sometimes making Hammond High pretty is not such an easy task. Last year, there were schedule conflicts, and this year after the team planted the flowers, someone decided to rip the flowers out of the ground and stick them on Ms. Warner's windowsill. Mr. White quickly assembled a team to replant them.



K. Schmidt and M. Rodriguez help plant.



Flower Power!



A. Vaccaro and E. Rodriguez get to play in the dirt while planting.



Mr. White gets down and dirty as he helps the Environmental Team plant flowers.

Helping Is the Key



Isaac Collins tries to work around the crowd.

Faad, peaple, music, dancing, hanging out with friends...sounds like a narmal get-together, right? Add a crowd of special needs children, and we're talking about a dance spanored by the School City of Hammond. Hammond High Key Club members interact with the kids wha attend the dance as part of their community service function. Cantrary to popular belief, aur Key Club is invalved in nat anly aur schaal community, but greater Hammand as well.

In addition to the dances, the Key Club also does many other activities with the handicapped. They take the kids ta an apple and pumpkin archard and an horseback rides; they ga Christmas shapping, swimming in the summer, and even have Easter egg hunts with these special kids. And we thought the Key Club was all about blood drives and helping with cancessians. Vincent Jackson had this ta say about Key Club: "This is a good experience far me because I get ta learn about the handicapped and it causes me to have a different attitude about those different from me."



Top: Vincent Jackson, Isaac Collins, Thomas Whitelaw, Latisha Lave;
Front: Joyce Murrell, Tammy Davis, Jennifer King, and Katrina Alexander



Ms. Hauser adds a little elbow grease to help the special needs community clean cars for their annual car wash.



Vincent Jackson works really hard during the game.



Making the Deadline



Top: Ms. Jacobson, Advisor
Center: Soreh Michno, Silvia Cobrales, Jackie Covarrubios, Mike Goril
Bottom: Asioh Miles, Stephen Garrett, Jennifer Cline Not pictured: Shokelo Smith, Jessica Olmos

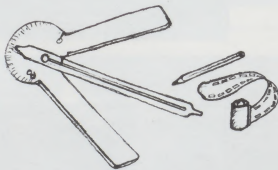
It's March 14th: Deadline Day. Suddenly you realize you've misplaced pictures and graphics. On top of that your copy needs to be checked and finalized. You rush around, frantically wondering, "What am I going to do?" After a desperate attempt to get organized, things come together. Excitedly, you finish the pages and turn them in with pride.

Making deadlines is an important key to creating a successful yearbook. Yearbook class is not just another fun class; every individual is responsible for getting creative, well-written pages done on time. The staff is obligated to sell books and ads, which we rely on to pay for the publishing. Sales make the difference in the books outcome, such as, paying for a special cover or to include colored pages.

Being part of a yearbook staff teaches students more than how to produce a book. It also requires teens to develop and improve social and organizational skills. Constant effort must be contributed for a great result.



Sylvia Cobrales methodically inserts the names of students who weren't automatically included in the yearbook's index. A perfectionist would be a perfect candidate for this job because of its required precision and accuracy.



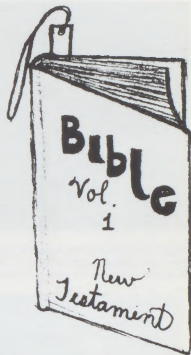
Having a mental block, Stephen Garrett, asks for ideas about what type of graphic to create. Graphics are an important key to a successful and interesting publication.



In the Bible They Trust



Front: Katrina Alexander, Sam Palard, Ms. Griffin, Brandon Rudd
Center: Paul Hetzel, Amy Veenstra, Jennisan Thurston
Back: Scott Edwards, Susan Kach



Mediate Don't Agitate



Confrontations overseas, nationally, and locally all have one thing in common: sometimes it's necessary for a neutral party to step in to alleviate distrust and lack of cooperation. Peer Mediators are fellow students who try to unlock some of the problems that cause disputes. They try to meet with the conflictors to compromise a reasonable resolution that doesn't involve severe consequences, such as being suspended or even expelled. Peer Mediators also shoot for resolutions that are negotiable enough to keep all parties involved from any physical confrontation.

Standing: Jonathan Hernandez, Marie Quiroga, Thomas Scott, Leticia Cabrales, Alfredo Sida, Marcus Williams
Sitting: Maggie Reichersamer, Franz Robinsan, Tiffany Frangello

Give 'Em Three Cheers



Despite the cheerleaders' lack of a sponsor, they still went to every game and proved they have spirit. In the photo above, the Varsity and JV squads anticipate the next touchdown.



Seemingly defying gravity, Keindre Tucker, Diamond Brooks, Diana De La Rosa, Cynthia Collori, and Lillona Gil enthusiastically cheer on the defense.



Varsity Top left to right: Lilyana Gil, Diamond Brooks, Francisca Cardenas Middle: Diana De La Rosa, Morishio Major, Julie Shumote Floor: Dionne Wofford, Keindre Tucker



JV Standing left to right: Meagan Dotson, Sara Voccoro, Jonetto Broaden Kneeling: Trocie Willis, Laura Vasquez Floor: Cynthia Collori, Erika Williams



freshmen Top: Krystle Peek, Nichole Johnson, Alexandria Upshaw Bottom: Jasmine Cobb

Dancing in Their Sleep



Standing left to right: Maisha Roincs, Aisho Key, Bionka Williams, Deondro Mounio Aisho Miles Kneeling: Monique Richardson On the floor: Losheo Woods, Londeo Young, Dontrese Richards



The Pom Kats are getting ready to do their big dance number. Here they are shown waiting for the music to begin, so they can show off their moves of the pep rally.



The Pom Kats get in the groove of the pep rally. They know how to get the Wildcats geeked.



D. Mounio thrills the crowd with her curvy moves.

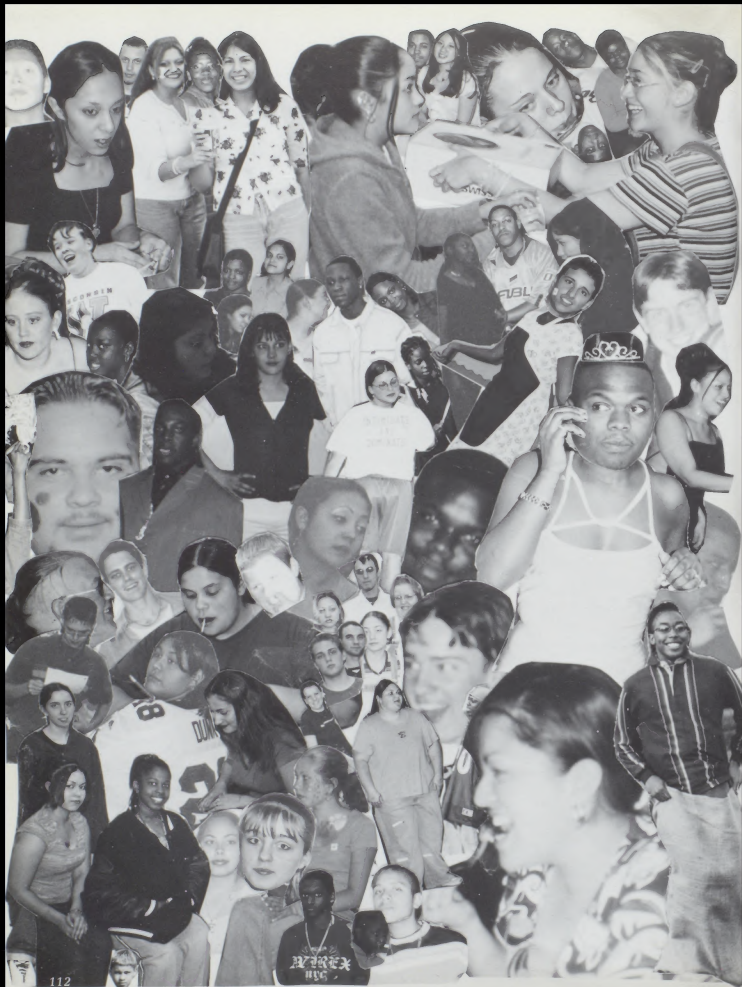


LaSheo Woods practices all her moves.



Poms, get o leg up!

*Rah
Rah*





Imagine That!

Surprises and Celebrations at Prom



Left: Koren Velez and Robin Reyes "get their freak on" with their seventh hour classmate Robert Espinozo. Don't worry, Lindo — we know you and Robert are in love! Below: Gentleman Borry Tyler surprises his girlfriend Moisho Roines with an omozing promise ring. No question about his strong affection for her! Prom can be the perfect night for surprises like that one.



In order to get into prom, Tom Djurdjevich makes sure his ticket is visible for the lucky lady on his arm.

LoDonno Washington waits anxiously to take pictures of the prom court.

Left, from the top: Carolyn Modden and Dorrell White. Jomie Hernandez and Romon Aguilar. Antonio Peterson and Julius Brooks.

Primed for Precious Memories

Straight to the hairdresser went Brittney Peppers after school to make sure her hair was "tight". "I was supposed to get my hair done the day before prom, but my boyfriend made me miss my appointment. I had to rush the day of prom to find someone else to do my hair just the way I wanted it."

Many ladies look forward to that very day where they can look and feel gorgeous. Some students feel that too much money is spent just for one night, but others feel it's worth the money for lifetime memories. Making someone's dream become reality is the goal of many people at prom, knowing that the night would be treasured forever.

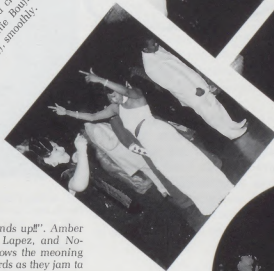
Looking fabulous for a day can boost someone's confidence a lot, especially when it comes to prom. As Brittney said, "Just having the experience of getting prepared for the 'big night' is what makes prom exciting." The "big night" for Wildcats was May 11.

The Grand March gave prom-goers the opportunity to show off flashy dresses, extravagant tuxes, unique hairstyles, and, for the girls, colorful nails. This tradition occurs every year rain or shine. Members of the community come to see the 'Cats in all their finery.

Many students leave high school to enter adulthood and enjoy reminiscing about the old times, "back in the day". "When I have kids, I want to them to see how I looked at my senior prom," said Brittney Peppers, Senior.

Prom was held at Wicker Park Social Club in Highland, Indiana. Even though it rained, it was still a beautiful prom.

Right: Imiti Winter and Gonzalo Ramirez have a close encounter with Stephanie Baxley's date but plays it off, smoothly.

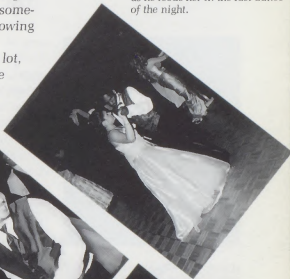


"Throw your hands up!!". Amber Horper, Jessica Lopez, and Natasha Brown knows the meaning of those four words as they jam to the music.

Showing off the legendary crowns, Prom King and Queen Ronold Adams and Linda Williams hug and pose for the camera; you lucky devils!

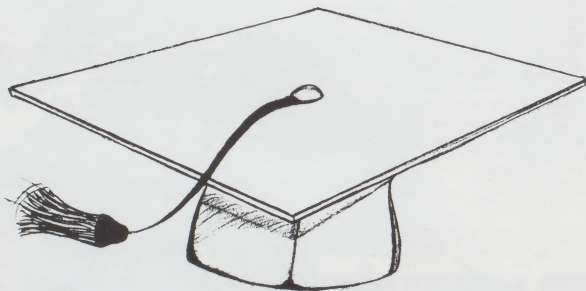


Making the moment last for a lifetime, Yannick Bushell sweeps Liz Rivera off of her feet as he leads her in the last dance of the night.



Justin Clark even tries the beautiful bouquet that sits on the table. He feels the texture and explains it to Eugene Hanna.

Seniors



Congratulations Seniors, c/o 2001!

I Dream of Leaving

A Final Look Back at Hammond High



I'm really going to miss all of my friends and also the activities I participated in. Oh yeah, I'll also miss Mr. Coppelletti.

— Crystal Lanham



I will miss all of the little people. All my friends bloh bloh bloh and all of the excitement that goes on at this place.

— Michael Schmidt

As time moves on, so do the students of Hammond High. Some go on to college, while others choose different paths to achieve their dreams. Whatever happens to each and everyone of us, memories of Hammond High will always linger in our souls. From the famous "Welcome Speech" given to freshman by Mr. White, to the tearful good-byes after graduation, Hammond High gives everyone something that can never be taken away.

Who knows what the future may hold for those about to enter the "Real World?" Everyone has dreams—some practical, some personal, and some seemingly out of this world. But rest assured, all of them can be achieved, given effort and determination.

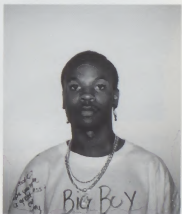
Of course, just like life, dreams change. Many people say that they want to be doctors or big businessmen and women, but how many really do? A lot of these dreams are based on how much money may be earned. Everyone seems to change both their goals and their aspects on life as they mature. Money becomes second to happiness and independence is a must.

The road of life is long and arduous, Wildcats, and graduation is just the beginning. On this road there are twists and turns all over, and every time we feel like we're in control, life throws us something new. You can do it seniors, and we all wish you the best of luck in your life endeavors.



Something I learned in high school is that being punctual is very important. I will, however, always miss the wonderful administrators I met at Hammond High.

— Roquel Rodriguez



In high school, I learned most that one must be responsible for one's own actions. I also learned a great deal of independence and that it is important to be nice to others.

— Ron Adams

I Can't Believe I Won!



"And this some flower thot smiles today..."

-Robert Herrick

Best smile: Clifton Deoron and Shakeilo Hart



"Eyes I dore not meet in dreams..."

-T. S. Elliot

Best eyes: Melonie Cross and her pretty eyes ore featured ot the right: Aaron Dobbins (not pictured)



"The shepherd swoins sholl donce and sing..."

- Christopher Marlowe

Best dancer: Melindo Nelson and Anthony Gouse (not pictured)



"Higher than ony house by o heod or more..."

-from Sir Gawain and the Green Knight

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Shortest: Stephonie Boufis and Curtis Montgomery



"And I will moke you o bed of roses..."

-Christopher Marlowe

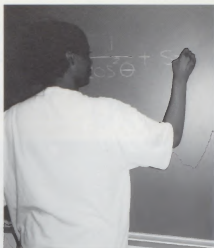
Homemaker: Liz Rehtorik



"How does your patient, doctor?"

-from Macbeth

Doctor: Keindre Tucker



"But was discreet in teaching and benign..."

-Chaucer

Teacher: Valyncio Gogins



"She certainly was very entertaining, and... He was a merry-hearted man."

-Chaucer

Cross clown: Deidro Scott and Anthony Gause



"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players; They have their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts."

-William Shakespeare
from The Merchant of Venice

Actor: John Ciupak
Actress: Valyncio Gogins (not pictured)



"And fixed his head upon our battlements."

-from The Tragedy of Macbeth

Police officer: Anthony Gause with Officer Ron Johnson



"Mon and boy stood cheering by And home we brought you home shoulder-high..."

-A.E. Housman

Best athlete: Krystle Jenkins and Mike Coles

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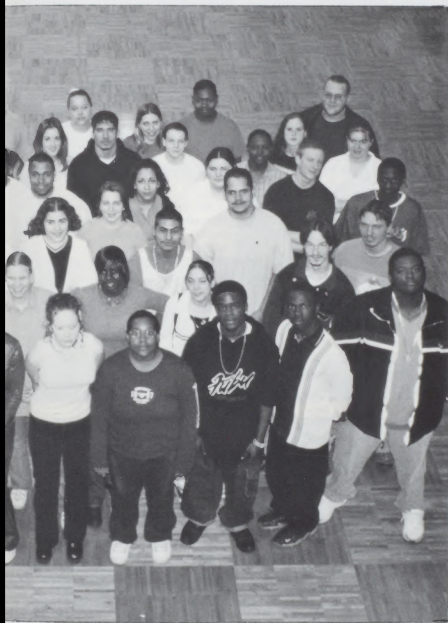
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Crossing the Finish Line

Racing to a New Beginning

A First in Generations

With his pretty brown eyes and his freckled face, it is easy to see that Chris Blankenship is his mother's son. Every mother wishes her children a better life than her own, and Janice Blankenship certainly had part of her wish fulfilled on Tuesday, June 5th. Chris was the first one of his family to graduate from high school in 25 years. Tears of pride filled her eyes as she and Chris hugged and posed with his diploma after the ceremony.

The Blankenship's story is not unique; there are many families whose history of grads is spotty



Chris Blankenship and his mother, Janice Blankenship, take a minute to look at Chris's Hammond High School diploma.

at best. From lack of interest to sudden financial need — constant moves to pregnancy, there are many reasons why people don't receive diplomas. The Blankenship family has not been immune to the woes that prevent graduation. This makes Chris's accomplishment all the more special.

All families have graduation stories, some of triumph, some of disappointment. Chris's story is one of the successes. Not only has he gotten his diploma, but he did so with good grades and a great behavioral record. Cycles can be broken; just ask Chris Blankenship.



(Top) Twenty-first Century Scholar Jamie Hernandez receives a Core 40 certificate from Mr. White at the annual Honor's Day program. The ceremony presents seniors with a first chance to wear their graduation gear.



(Right) Hey, they aren't in alphabetical order! On Honors Day seniors get to sit with friends. Those who win awards also get an opportunity to practice walking across the stage. One of the biggest fears for graduates is falling on the stairs.



The parchment that proves students have really graduated is finally within reach. Here anxious seniors await their turn to receive their diplomas. Some family members filter in to find their graduates.

Last Chance with Pals



It is an annual tradition for Ms. Jacobsen to photograph seniors as they wait in line for commencement to begin. Seniors scramble for the last shot to grab a pic with pals.



Crystal Lanham, Taleka Killins, Jason Kelley, Erika Richardsan, and Robin Reyes are beaming with anticipation. In the background, Eddie Recio turns to talk with friends. Only about fifteen more minutes, and they'll be entering the gym to Pamp and Circumstance and the cheers of family and friends.

Bottom left: This year both girls and boys wore the purple graduation gowns. In the past, the young ladies wore white. Another new addition was the medallion seen on seniors Cristina Alvarez, Keith Biro, Joey Arquette, Leslie Alexander, Fernanda Balderas, Natasha Brown, and Ismael Avila.

Below: This is an occasion to be seen. Jimmy Weems turned around so quickly, his tassel blocked his face; he's rounding out the end of the line with Richard White, Charlotte White, and shawman Damien Williams. That's Jahnnie Wren waving in the background, and Linda Williams is just thinking about something else.



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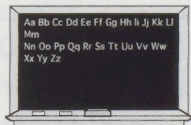
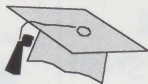


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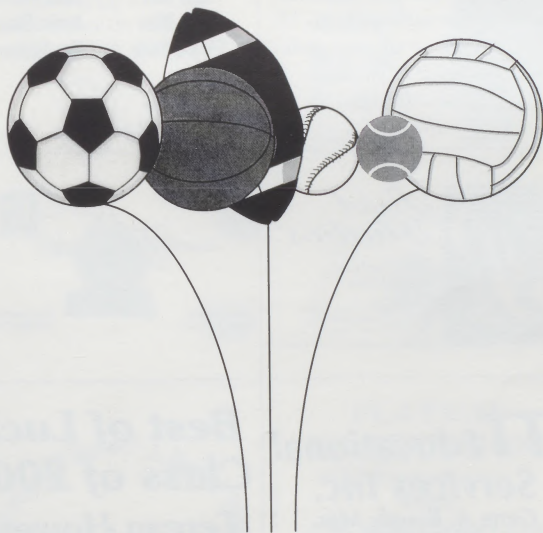
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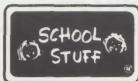
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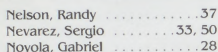
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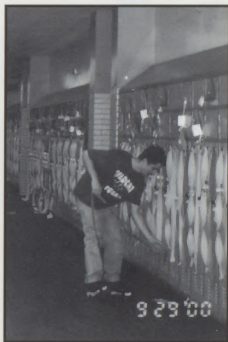
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Best Friends _____

Favorite Video _____

A Special Honor I Received _____

My Signature _____

We'll Remember...

- *crummy cameras — thanks **Ms. Ekdahl** for letting us use yours.
- *computer troubles — thanks, once again, **Mr. Schneider** for coming through for us.
- *requests, requests, requests — thank goodness for **secretaries** like ours, who always lend a helping hand.
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- *the "abyss," created mainly by **Mike & Stephen** — thanks guys for preventing us from ever finding anything! Ha!
- *oh, and you **Jessica**, no, that is not YOUR marker!
- *yo' mama — **Asiah**, you are the queen of cut-lows, girl! Jessica says, "Good thing she was on my team."
- *Monday, Monday, Monday — not our **Jenny's** best day. She had a range of excuses for not being here, mostly having to do with her car. ;-)
- *the caption expression empress — aren't sure how to describe an expression? Ask **Sarah**; she demonstrates faces and everything!
- *speak up, you guys — **Silvia and Shakela** were soooo quiet, but they always had their work done.
- *editor by default — thanks to **Jackie**, everything got shipped out on time and in order.

If we left anyone out, we are deeply sorry.

Colophon

Volume 86 of the Hammond High School Dunes yearbook was started on September 5, 2000 and completed on June 12, 2001. The book contains 144 pages and 136 copies were sold (64 less than we would have liked). This ever-improving publication would not have been successfully completed without our advisor, Ms. Angelique Jacobson and Taylor Representative Mr. Greg Samples.

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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1.2 million (Office for National Statistics 1999). The number of people aged 65 and over is projected to increase to 6.5 million by 2011, and the number of people aged 75 and over to 4.5 million (Office for National Statistics 1999).

There is a growing awareness of the need to develop strategies to meet the needs of the ageing population. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for ageing, which sets out the government's commitment to improve the lives of older people. The strategy is based on three main principles: (1) to ensure that older people have the opportunity to live independently and actively; (2) to ensure that older people have access to the services and support they need; and (3) to ensure that older people are treated with respect and dignity.

The strategy is based on the following assumptions: (1) that older people are a valuable resource; (2) that older people have the right to live independently and actively; (3) that older people have the right to access the services and support they need; and (4) that older people should be treated with respect and dignity. The strategy is based on the following objectives: (1) to improve the lives of older people; (2) to ensure that older people have access to the services and support they need; and (3) to ensure that older people are treated with respect and dignity.

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